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THE FIELD OF POLITICS.

The Latest from the Seat of War in Louisiana.

GEN. AUGUR TO PRESERVE THE PRESENT STATUS.

Testimony in the Oregon Case.

Senatorial Elections by Various Legislatures.

LOUISIANA.

The Political Situation

NEW ORLEANS, January 16.—10:30 A. M.—There is no change in the political situation since last evening. The Democrats have recovered from the depression caused by the President's telegram to Gen. Augur, and are again hopeful, while the Republicans maintain that the telegram foreshadows the early and complete recognition of their Government.

NOON.—Governor Packard has not received any reply to his requisition upon Gen. Augur for the restoration of the court house. The city is remarkably quiet.

The Imprisoned Sergeants at-Arms.

Sheriff Handy refuses to recognize the writs of *habeas corpus* issued by Judge Shaw for the assistant sergeants-at-arms of the Republican Senate who are in the parish prison.

Democratic Promises.

In the Democratic House to-day a joint resolution was unanimously adopted to the effect that the policy of kindness, fair and equitable treatment towards the colored people of the State, announced by Governor Nicholls in his Baton Rouge speech, and in the letter to Pinchback on the 12th, is endorsed, and will be strictly adhered to by the Legislature.

Instructions to Gen. Augur.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The President to-day received telegrams from Gen. Augur conveying information that Gov. Packard had applied to him for assistance to reinstate the Supreme Court in the building of which they had been dispossessed, and to otherwise enforce Packard's proclamation, and that he had informed Gov. Packard that he did not understand his instructions as authorizing the use of troops for any such purpose, but he had referred the matter to the President. The President replied to Gen. Augur that his understanding of his instructions was correct, and that the forces under his command are not to be used except to prevent a breach of the public peace by either of the opposing political parties.

NEW ORLEANS, January 16.—The following, published in an extra to-night, causes much rejoicing among the Democrats, and is regarded by citizens generally as preventing any collision between the opposing parties:

WASHINGTON, January 16, 1877.

To General C. C. Augur, Commanding, New Orleans:

Your understanding of the President's telegram of the 14th is correct. The President desires me to repeat to you that he wishes the present status throughout the State maintained until the Congressional committees now in Louisiana return.

(Signed) J. D. CAMERON,
Secretary of War.

Gov. Packard's Letter.

Gov. Packard, in reply to Gen. Augur's request for an assurance that he (Packard) will endeavor to maintain the present status of affairs, has written a long letter, in which he recites the acts of the White Liners, and shows after the President's wishes, as contained in his first dispatch, had been made known, that the White Liners took from the State Arsenal several field pieces of artillery, including two Gatling guns, placed a garrison of armed men in the Supreme Court buildings, broke into and took possession of the office of the Recorder, &c., and that ever since the publication of the President's order of the 14th the unauthorized bodies holding the Court rooms have been openly reinforced. In view of all these facts he declines to give a pledge that he will in any event preserve the peace, but says that inasmuch as he learns that the wrongs of the past eight days will be speedily righted, and the legal State Government supported, he will give a pledge to make no effort to forcibly disturb the peace without further communication with Gen. Augur.

WASHINGTON, January 16.—A lengthy statement prepared by Marshal Pitkins, of New Orleans, in regard to the situation in Louisiana, was read at the Cabinet meeting to-day. Colonel Casey, Collector of the Port of New Orleans, arrived here to-night.

OREGON'S $8,000.

Testimony of Col. Pelton.

WASHINGTON, January 16.—Colonel W. T. Pelton was to-day before the Senate Committee investigating the Oregon electoral business. Witness suggested to Jordan, cashier of the Third National Bank of New York, that he write to Harmon; told Jordan it was desired a certain gentleman in Oregon should have a credit of $8,000. It seemed litigation would arise from the ineligibility of Watts in Oregon, and Bellinger, chairman of the Oregon Democratic Committee, suggested the necessity of having money to defray these legal expenses. Witness spoke to Scott, a member of the Democratic National Committee, on December 8th about the $8,000. Nothing to be said about security. Mr. Patrick went to Oregon in November or in December last. Patrick had large mining interests in Salt Lake, and went to look after them. Witness does not know that Dimond paid Cronin $2,000 and Patrick $2,639. Witness supposed that Jordan understood that he (witness) did not want the $8,000 transaction made public. Not a dollar was sent to any State for strictly legitimate purposes. The Democratic National Committee defrayed the expenses of part of the gentlemen who visited some of the Southern States after the election. He did not know that $8,000 was actually used in Oregon, or the check drawn payable to Charles Dimond in favor of Ladd & Bush; don't remember receiving an unsigned dispatch from Oregon in December last, saying it was necessary that $8,000 be sent to that State. The Democratic Committee had correspondence with ex-Senator Casserly, who was requested to go to Oregon, but he could not go, and sent a brief.

Before the examination of Col. Pelton was concluded Senator Morton stated that he (Morton) was obliged to leave, and desired Pelton to be present to-morrow, when he will be examined further.

Senatorial Elections.

AUGUSTA, ME., January 16.—James G. Blaine has been elected United States Senator for the long and short term. In the Senate Blaine had 20 and Haines 2. In the House Blaine had 123 and Haines 3—a strict party vote in both branches. There were ten absentees.

ST. PAUL, MINN., January 16.—Hon. Wm. Windom was to-day re-elected to the United States Senate for six years, beginning March 4th next, by the following vote: Senate—Windom, 26; Wilkinson, 11; scattering, 2. House—Windom, 70; Wilkinson, 27; scattering, 8; Windom over all on joint ballot, 90.

BOSTON, January 16. — Balloting for United States Senator began to-day. The result in the Senate was: Whole number of votes cast, 40; necessary for a choice, 21; Boutwell, 17; Hoar, 12; Abbott, 7; Rice, 2. The second ballot was the same as the first.

In the House the first ballot resulted: Whole number of votes cast, 235; necessary to a choice, 118; Boutwell, 72; Hoar, 76; Abbott, 55; Rice, 15; Bullock, 4; Seelye, 4; Chas. Adams, Jr., 1; Henry L. Pierce, 1; Sanford, 1. Second ballot—Boutwell, 79; Hoar, 77; Abbott, 55; Rice, 15; Seelye, 4; Bullock, 4; A. C. Sanford, 1. Whole number, 235; necessary to a choice, 118.

Both Houses adjourned. Joint convention of both Houses to ballot for Senator will convene in the House to-morrow.

OMAHA, January 16.—But one ballot was had at Lincoln to-day for United States Senator, as follows: Hitchcock, 23; Briggs, 12; Saunders, 11; Crouse, 10; Nye, 3; the rest scattering. Adjourned till 10 A. M. to-morrow. The Legislature in joint convention consists of 134 members.

DETROIT, January 16.—Hon. T. W. Ferry was to-day re-elected to the United States Senate, receiving the unanimous Republican vote of the Michigan Legislature.

LITTLE ROCK, January 16.—Both Houses of the general Assembly balloted for United States Senator, as follows: Senate—A. H. Garland, Democrat 30; T. D. W. Yonlee, Prepublican, 1. House—A. H. Garland, 83; T. D. W. Yonlee, 7; absent, 3.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., January 16.—The Legislature to-day voted for candidates for United States Senator. The first informal ballot resulted; In the House—Logan, 77; Palmer, 67; Davis, 7; Lathrop, 1. In the Senate—Logan, 20; Palmer, 22; Anderson, 7; Washburne, 1.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

Legislative Proceedings.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, January 16, 1877.

SENATE.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock.

Penitentiary Anex Protest.

Mr. MCNEILL presented a remonstrance from J. W. Chalfant, B. F. Jones and others, against the Penitentiary Annex bill.

Bills Reported.

Mr. GILFILLAN reported from the committee favorably the supplement repealing the fourth section of an act incorporating the State Agricultural Society.

By Mr. DAVIES, of the Judiciary Committee, a general supplement to the law of 1839, relating to the election of aldermen and justices.

Shelley's Case.

Mr. GAZZAM read in place an act to abolish the rule in Shelley's case.

Bills Disposed Of.

The bills passed second reading on the calendar are as follows: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 20 and 21.

The following were laid over: Nos. 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 16 and 21. Recommitted to General Judiciary, No. 11. Postponed for the present, No. 17. No. 1 amended to include 1,500 copies in Welsh.

Nominations.

The Governor appointed and the Senate confirmed to-day the following Notaries Public: A. V. D. Waterson, Pittsburgh; Lewis R. Lindsay, Allegheny City; Christopher W. Smith, Franklin; Joshua W. Jones, Superintendent of Public Printing for four years.

HOUSE.

The session was occupied endeavoring to fix the order of the day, calling yeas and nays on a motion to adjourn, etc. No business was transacted. K.

WASHINGTON TOPICS.

WASHINGTON, January 16, 1877.

Louisiana Returning Board.

The House Judiciary Committee to-day decided to report that the answer of the Louisiana Returning Board is insufficient, and will recommend that the members of the board be ordered to appear at the bar of the House of Representatives and show cause why they should not be compelled to produce the original papers called for, or else be committed for contempt.

Count of Electoral Votes.

The Senate and House committees on the count of electoral votes held a joint session this afternoon, at which they expected to reach either an agreement or final disagreement. They did not arrive at a conclusion, but made such progress towards one that they adjourned until to-morrow, in the belief that another conference will result in a satisfactory agreement. The members say, however, it is by no means certain that this agreement will be ratified; but if to-morrow's session should fail to bring them into harmony on some plan for settling the questions at issue, they will hold no further conference. It is the present understanding that in either event the committees will report to their respective Houses to-morrow. It is intimated that a compromise measure, which has been substantially agreed upon, will prove a surprise to the public, as it embraces features that have not yet been conjectured by persons outside of the committees.

Mutilated Paper Currency.

The Treasury clerks detached to convey funds to San Francisco and return reached here with about five million dollars, of which two and one-half million is gold and the other half is mutilated legal tenders, fractional currency and national bank notes and national bank gold coin. The paper money will be destroyed, the legal tenders and fractional currency be replaced by other legal tenders and silver, and the national bank gold notes placed on account of the reduction of the circulation of banks.

Orton Subpœnaed.

Wm. Orton, President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, has been subpœnaed as a member of the Executive Committee in the omnibus subpœnae, which includes all members thereof, to appear before the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate.

THE INDIAN WAR.

Attack on Sitting Bull's Camp—The Savages Dispersed and all their Property Captured—Five Sioux Chiefs Killed by Crow Scouts.

CHICAGO, January 16.—The following was received at Military headquarters to-day:

ST. PAUL, MINN., January 16, 1877.

Adjutant General Division of the Missouri:

A dispatch received from Colonel Miles, via Bozman, states that on the 18th of December three companies of the Fifth Infantry, under Lieutenant Frank D. Baldwin, struck Sitting Bull's camp on Red Water, and defeated him with the loss of all the property in the camp and sixty mules and ponies. The Indians escaped with little besides what they had on their persons.

(Signed) ALFRED H. TERRY,
Brigadier General.

NEW YORK, January 16.—A telegram from Tongue river cantonment says that on December 11 five prominent Sioux chiefs approached the post about noon, with a flag of truce. When within a few hundred yards of the post, and before their approach was known to a single officer or soldier of the garrison, they were pounced upon and killed by Crow scouts who belong to the post. Gen. Miles was indignant beyond measure at the bloody tragedy, both on account of its atrocity and by reason of the possible importance of their mission.

Fire at California.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

CALIFORNIA, PA., January 16.—The denizens of this village were aroused from their slumbers this morning about three o'clock, by an alarm of fire, which brought out almost all the able bodied material of the town. The fire was found to be at the large double house owned and occupied respectively by W. H. Beazell and Henry Cropp. When discovered, it had gained such headway as to render its extinguishment impossible, and it was totally destroyed. The families, however, succeeded in saving a few of their household effects. The loss will be $3,000, upon which there is a partial insurance. The fire was the work of an incendiary, but there is as yet no clue to the dastard. HART.

Heating and Lighting Railroad Cars.

COLUMBUS, O., January 16.—The State Railroad Commissioner to-day sent to the House a communication, in answer to a resolution calling on him for information as to whether the law relative to heating and lighting railroad cars is enforced by him. The communication states: First, the provisions of sections one and two of the act to protect more effectually the lives of railway passengers from casualties by fire have not been enforced by this office, the act, in prescribing the mode by which forfeitures for violating its provisions shall be received, apparently not contemplating such action by the Commissioner; second, that the attention of the several companies operating lines of railroads in Ohio has been specially called to the provisions of the act named.

Earthquake.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 16.—A San Diego dispatch reports a heavy earthquake forty-five miles southeast of the city about noon on Saturday. The vibrations were from east to west, extending throughout the mountains to the borders of the Gizon valley.

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

Petition from Gov. Chamberlain of South Carolina.

The Case of the Louisiana Returning Board Discussed in the House.

The Folly of the Demands of the Democratic Investigators Exposed.

WASHINGTON, January 16, 1877.

SENATE.

Petitions.

The Chair laid before the Senate a petition of lumber men, vessel owners and others of Manistee, Mich., asking an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at that place. Referred.

Mr. MORRILL presented a petition of citizens of Washington, asking that the United States purchase certain squares bordering on the Capitol grounds, for the purpose of enlarging such grounds according to the original plan, and to accommodate the new buildings for the National Library, Supreme Court and National Museum, and further, that one and a half million dollars to be refunded by the Centennial Commission be appropriated for the purchase of such ground and erection of such buildings. Referred.

Mr. PATTERSON presented a petition of D. H. Chamberlain, R. H. Greaves, F. L. Cardoza, R. B. Elliott, Jno. R. Talbot, and others of South Carolina, and said he would not ask to have it read, but moved that it be printed in the *Record*.

Mr. ALCORN objected to anything being printed in the *Record* without being read.

The petition was then read and ordered printed in the *Record*. It sets forth that many of the statements in the petition of Wade Hampton and others, recently presented in the Senate, are untrue. They are calculated to mislead the Senate, and important facts are smothered. The petitioners then review at great length the condition of affairs in South Carolina, and claim that they were legally elected to their various offices.

Silver Dollars.

Mr. SHERMAN, from the Committee on Finance, reported back the House bill authorizing the coining of standard silver dollars, and restoring its legal tender character, without recommendation, and it was placed on the calendar.

In reporting the bill Mr. SHERMAN said the Senate having yesterday extended the time for the Silver Commission to make its report, the committee did not deem it advisable to pass this bill now. He gave notice that when the bill should be considered he would submit a substitute for it, authorizing the coinage of a silver dollar of the weight of 412½ grains standard silver, said dollar to be a legal tender to the same extent and for the same purposes as United States notes, and to be issued in redemption of fractional currency notes on demand of the holders, and the United States notes redeemed under this act shall be canceled and be held as part of the sinking fund provided for by existing law, interest to be computed thereon as in the case of bonds redeemed. The second section of the bill authorizes the President to appoint three commissioners to attend and participate in the deliberations of any international congregation or conference which may be called by one or more countries for the purpose of adopting a ratio or relative valuation in the gold and silver coinages of the different countries of the world. It was ordered that the substitute be printed.

The War in Turkey.

Mr. ANTHONY submitted a resolution calling upon the President to transmit to the Senate, if not incompatible with public interest, any correspondence with the Diplomatic officers of the United States in Turkey, or any information in the possession of the Government in regard to the revolt in the Turkish provinces. Agreed to.

South Carolina.

Mr. PATTERSON submitted a resolution recognizing the Chamberlain Government in South Carolina as the lawful Government of the State, and declaring it should be aided by the United States, to the end that the law may be enforced, &c. Referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Troops in Petersburg.

At the expiration of the morning hour Mr. WITHERS called up the message of the President in regard to the occupation of Petersburg by military on election day, and yielded the floor to his colleague (Johnston), who spoke at length on the subject, attacking the President's course.

Mr. WITHERS followed in a speech in the same strain, and then submitted the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Judiciary be instructed to examine whether the construction of the laws touching the elective franchise promulgated in the Attorney General in general orders No. 96, of date September 7th, 1876, be correct, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

The resolution was agreed to, and the Senate resumed consideration of the report of the Committee on Rules, revising the rules for the government of the Senate, which were agreed to in Committee of the Whole and reported to the Senate. Pending the discussion adjourned.

HOUSE.

Gold and Silver.

The Senate joint resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to attend an international convention to inquire into the relative value of gold and silver was taken up.

A resolution to permit the committee on the privileges and duties of the House to send for papers and persons and sit during the sessions of the House was adopted by a vote of yeas 149, nays 70.

The Louisiana Case.

Mr. LYNDE, from the Judiciary Committee, made a report relative to the refusal of Wells, Anderson, Cassanave and Kenner, members of the Louisiana Returning Board, to produce before the Committee on Elections in Louisiana certain papers demanded by said committee. The report concludes with a resolution directing the Sergeant-at-Arms to take into custody and bring before the bar of the House the above named gentlemen.

Mr. FRYE, a member of the Judiciary Committee, said that when that report was agreed to in the committee he and the Republican present. He denounced its doctrine as monstrous, and said that if it was adopted there was no sovereignty anywhere that was not subject to be called before a House Committee and compelled to produce its original records. He claimed that the Louisiana Returning Board had been organized under and in accordance with the Constitution, and having done the work prescribed for it to do, under the laws, there was no authority which could go behind its return. The only authority the House had was the general condition of the country, the public weal, to inquire whether or not there was such a state of things there as that Congress ought to take notice of. Congress had a right to take cognizance of murder and outrage and barbarism, and such a state of affairs did exist down there. It was produced by the deliberate acts on the part of citizens to prevent the other part from voting. Congress can look into that matter, but had no more authority to take these original papers from the archives of the State of Louisiana than the State would have to take other records from the archives at Washington. For State rights there had been one war, and was it possible that men who went into the war for State rights had been so far converted by defeat as to be ready to say to-day that will be $3,000, upon which there is a partial insurance. The fire was the work of an incendiary, but there is as yet no clue to the dastard. HART.

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CHANDLER'S DISPATCHES.

What He Telegraphed on the Day After Election.

The Stenographic Reporter of the National Republican Committee Before the Investigators.

WASHINGTON, January 16.—Gov. McCormick was to-day again before the select committee on the powers, privileges and duties of the House in counting the electoral votes. The Governor in answer to questions, testified that he had some knowledge of money having been raised for legitimate purposes of the campaign. There was a joint circular sent forth by the National Republican and Congressional Republican Committees, but the details of the assessment were managed by the latter. Not a dollar came into the hands of the National Republican Committee; did not know of any circular having been issued requiring office-holders to contribute money.

M. A. Clancy, late stenographer of the National Republican Committee, was recalled, and in reply to questions referred to his short hand notes, reading from them the original drafts of telegrams sent to Florida, as follows:

"NEW YORK, November 8, 1876.

"Gov. Stearns, Tallahassee, Fla.:

"Grave importance attaches to the electoral vote of your State, and we are waiting your most careful supervision of all the official receiving, counting, returning and canvassing the votes of every locality."

This dispatch was signed by either "Z Chandler" or "W. E. Chandler."

"NEW YORK, November 8, 1876.

"Gen. Martin, Tallahassee, Fla.:

"We are absolutely certain of 185 votes for Hayes. If your State is safe and Tilden is sure of the rest, can you certainly defeat all Democratic attempts by fraud, false counting or bribery to capture it? Answer when sure.

(Signed) "Z. CHANDLER."

A copy of the above dispatch was sent to D. B. Packard, New Orleans, Gov. D. H. Chamberlain, Columbia, S. C., Senator Jno. H. Mitchell, Portland, Oregon, and Geo. C. Gorham, San Francisco.

"NEW YORK, November 8, 1876.

"Gen. Martin:

"If your State has gone for Hayes the Democrats will leave nothing undone to take it from us. All may depend on your vigilance. Be on guard everywhere. You must watch and get in and announce the true result from every locality without delay. Spare no pains nor proper expense to carry these points. Keep me advised and telegraph me your exact majority as soon as possible."

This was signed either "Z. Chandler" or "W. E. Chandler," being dictated by the latter. On the 8th of November the following dispatch was addressed to both Senator Conover and Representative Purman:

"See my dispatch to Martin. Use the utmost diligence and vigilance."

The following telegram was sent to Thos. B. Keogh, Chairman of the Republican State Committee of North Carolina, signed and dictated by Wm. E Chandler:

"NEW YORK, November 8, 1876.

"Two friends of yours leave here at 3 o'clock this P. M. Meet them at the depot in Raleigh."

Another telegram was sent to the same party, as follows:

"Don't give up your State until the remotest returns come in. Hayes is elected by our majority if we have carried Florida, Oregon and Louisiana. Meet your friends at the depot.

(Signed) "C."

On the same day, the 8th of November, a letter was written by Wm. E. Chandler to Thomas B. Keogh, Raleigh, N. C., as follows:

"At this hour of writing it looks as if 185 votes have been given to Hayes, counting in Louisiana, Florida and Oregon, but not North Carolina, and we trust the latter will turn out when the returns are all in to have gone for Hayes. If, however, it has not, and the State, as we believe, and there has been intimidation or fraud on the part of the Democrats, we trust that your Republican Governor will not give any certificate to the electors. The Governor of Oregon is a Democrat, while South Carolina is the only close State necessary to the Democrats where we have a Republican Governor, they must not be allowed fairer play in North Carolina than we get in Oregon."

This important and peculiar dispatch was signed "W. E. Chandler." The following telegram was addressed to G. C. Gorham, San Francisco, November 8:

"If Oregon is Republican, use the utmost diligence to watch and get in and announce the vote from every locality. The Democrats will press Grover. Hence the importance of no delay in establishing the result. You had better go to Oregon."

The following was dictated by William E. Chandler, and probably signed by him, though it may have been signed by Z. Chandler. The following telegram was also sent to Gorham on the same day:

"The Democrats are getting desperate. They will stop at nothing to wrest the victory from us. It is important that you go at once to Oregon."

The following telegram was addressed to Attorney General Williams, Washington, D. C., November 8:

"Oregon is reported Republican, and will elect Hayes. Telegraph several citizens of integrity in Oregon to watch and get in and have announced the vote from every locality. We have telegraphed Mitchell. The Democrats will press Grover. Hence the importance of no delay in establishing the result."

Witness could not say whether this telegram was signed by Wm. E. or Z. Chandler. Witness was at Tallahassee on the 12th of November, and addressed to Z Chandler the following telegram:

"Gov. Stearns and Congressman Purman telegraph from a point in Georgia that the operator at Tallahassee, Fla., maliciously withholds and discloses all dispatches from them, and ask its removal. Sent special message 9th October, who acted promptly. Will you advise to Stearns.

(Signed) "M. A. CLANCEY."

The committee then adjourned until to-morrow.

From an inspection of the copies of all telegrams it appears that the only one signed by Z. Chandler was that to Gen. Martin, given together with duplicates of the same to Packard, Chamberlain, Gorham and Mitchell. All the others were signed by Wm. E. Chandler, or, Clancey stated that the telegrams and letter which he read from his stenographic notes were the only ones in his book sent by the committee to any person after the election.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

OMAHA, January 16.—The storm of yesterday has been followed by intensely cold weather, the mercury this morning indicating 16 below zero.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 16.—Legal proceedings were commenced to-day by the Eureka Consolidated Mining Company against the Richmond Mining Company, owned by English capitalists, to recover damages alleged to have been sustained by the encroachment by defendant on the ground of the plaintiff. The amount of ore taken from plaintiff's ground is estimated at two and a half millions of dollars.

PHILADELPHIA, January 16.—The examination of the affairs of the late Major General Jno. P. Bankson reveals defalcations or discrepancies in his accounts amounting to $150,000. A number of city merchants and brokers are losers in amounts varying from $3,000 to $30,000, but the distillery company of which Gen. Bankson was Secretary and Treasurer will lose nothing.

LONDON, January 16.—A telegram from Paris announces that M. Max Outrey has been appointed Minister of France to the United States.

ATHENS, January 16.—J. Meredith Read, the American Minister, had an audience with the King to-day.

FISHKILL, N. Y., January 16.—The deficiency in the National Bank here amounts to over $100,000, and may reach $136,000. Some of those who made heavy over-drafts were negotiating to-day to pay up. The run on the savings Bank drew out $30,000. The latter bank is sound.

MEMPHIS, January 16.—During a heavy rainstorm yesterday a fall of small live snakes was noticed in the southern part of the city, thousands of which could be seen to-day. They were from a foot to a foot and a half in length.

BERLIN, January 16.—Princess Marie, a sister of the Empress and wife of Prince Charles of Prussia, is dying.

THE MEXICAN WAR.

Gen. Iglesias Defeated by Gen. Diaz.

GALVESTON, January 16.—The *News'* Brownsville special says Gen. Diaz failed to effect a compromise with Iglesias. He attacked the forces of Iglesias on the Guana Iusto, commanded by Gen. Antillon, on the 3d inst., and Antillon was defeated and surrendered his whole army and all his material of war to Gen. Ignacio Martinez. Iglesias has asked to be allowed to retire to private life.

Gen. Quiroga, according to promise, supported Lerdo until November 30. He then surrendered over 3,000 men and a large amount of war material to Gen. Trevino, and retired to his rancho. Under the pretext that he was fomenting trouble he was arrested, tried and condemned, and according to a telegram he was shot on the 12th inst.

FOREIGN NEWS.

TURKEY.

The Amended Propositions.

PERA, January 16.—The Marquis of Salisbury has had an interview of two hours with the Sultan, who is disposed to accept all the conditions of the amended scheme submitted to the conference.

LONDON, January 16.—A dispatch from Constantinople states that several plenipotentiaries have requested an audience with the Sultan for the purpose of taking leave. The Grand Council of Turkey to decide on the Porte's reply to the last proposals of the powers will meet to-morrow or Thursday.

PREPARATIONS MADE.

Meeting Last Evening of the Republican City Executive Committee—Primaries to Take Place on the 10th Prox., the Conventions on the 13th—No Change to be Made in the Manner of Holding the Primaries.

The meeting of the City Republican Executive Committee held last evening was well attended, both by the members of the committee and the different candidates and their friends.

At exactly half-past seven o'clock Mr. John D. Lambie called the meeting to order and said:

"You all know what is the purpose for which the meeting is called. It is to make preparations for nominations for city officers."

The gentleman then mentioned the uniform success of the party during the last few years, and closed by expressing the hope that the result of the coming election would be as signal a victory as that obtained at the fall elections.

The roll was then called and a majority of the members of the committee responded to their names.

A number of resignations were then read and accepted. The first one acted upon was that of Mr. Henry Metzgar, member for the Thirteenth ward. Mr. J. Melamphy was substituted for him.

Mr. H. R. McClellan, of the Seventeenth ward withdrew, and Mr. C. B. Seely was substituted. In place of T. W. Welsh and Wm. Johnston, of the Twelfth ward, John Stewart and Thomas Rosewell were elected. For P. W. Seibert, of the Eighteenth ward, C. E. Lewis was substituted. For George Neisenthaler, of the Sixteenth ward, M. Floyd was substituted. For J. Martin Shaffer, of the Sixteenth ward, Andrew Hoffman was substituted. For Henry Benz, of the Second ward, Gottlieb Gross was substituted. For James McKee, of the Thirty-fifth ward, James Carrolton was substituted. For Alex. Lloyd, of the Fourteenth ward, C. L. Magee was selected. For John R. Jones, of the Eleventh ward, Wm. Shore was elected.

Mr. C. S. Fetterman then offered the following:

Resolved, That the primary meetings for the selection of delegates to nominate Republican candidates for Mayor, City Treasurer and Controller shall be held on Saturday, February 10, 1877, between the hours of 4 and 7 o'clock P. M.; that each election district shall elect one delegate to each of the following conventions, viz.:

No. 1—To nominate a candidate for Mayor.

No. 2—To nominate a candidate for City Controller.

No. 3—To nominate a candidate for City Treasurer.

That said conventions shall severally meet at such places as shall hereafter be designated by this committee, on Tuesday, February 13, 1877, at 11 o'clock A. M.; that the election shall be held at the usual places of holding elections in each district by the regular Republican election officers of said district, and that any vacancies in the election boards shall be filled by the remaining officers of the board.

Resolved, That Convention No. 1 shall be called to order by John S. Lambie, Esq.; No. 2, by Geo. B. Chalmers, Esq., and No. 3, by Thos. S. Bigelow.

FAIR PRIMARIES WANTED.

Before a vote was taken on Mr. Fetterman's resolutions, Mr. Jenkin Jones offered the following preamble as a substitute for them:

WHEREAS, Great and general dissatisfaction has heretofore prevailed on account of the manner of holding our primary elections; and

WHEREAS, The great mass of the Republicans of this city of Pittsburgh desire an honest and fair expression of the will and desire of the Republicans of said city at the ensuing Republican primary election, and not a mere pretense for the further purpose of allaying unjust and unworthy crimination and recrimination ensuing said primary election; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in each and every precinct in said City of Pittsburgh, the officers holding said primary election shall, if at all possible to do so, use the registered list of Republicans as used at the last general election.

Resolved, That in holding said primary elections, none but Republicans shall be allowed to vote, and that a list of the votes, with the numbered ballots, shall be preserved for reference.

Resolved, That each candidate for the office of Mayor and each candidate for the office of City Treasurer, shall have the privilege of selecting or naming some well known Republican to act upon the part as supervisor, and to vouch for the fairness and justice of the election.

Mr. Lambie suggested that the resolutions were not a substitute. Mr. Jones then withdrew them as such.

The first resolutions being before the house, a gentleman moved to amend by holding the primaries on the third of February instead of the tenth, and the convention on the fifteenth instead of the thirteenth. The amendment was lost.

The resolutions as offered by Mr. Fetterman were then unanimously adopted.

MR. JONES TABLED.

Action on the resolutions of Mr. Jones was then had.

Mr. Bigelow moved to amend by having the four candidates for Mayor select one man, the four candidates for Treasurer select one man, these two to select a third to act as supervisors, instead of the number mentioned in the first resolution.

Mr. Thomas S. Bigelow moved that the resolutions and amendment be laid on the table, thus cutting off debate.

The question being taken on the first vote on this motion, the yeas and nays were called, each member as he voted to step forward where he could be seen.

Before taking the vote the second time Mr. Fetterman was allowed to withdraw his amendment. The vote was then taken on the resolutions as offered by Mr. Jones.

The vote resulted in fifty-five ayes and eighteen nays, and the resolutions were therefore tabled. There were no rolls of members except one in the book, and only a tally of the vote kept by the clerks. The GAZETTE reporter endeavored to keep a record of the vote, but owing to the difficulty of doing this without a roll, and especially amid frequent interruptions and the confusion attendant thereon, a few names were lost. Following is the result of his record so far as it goes:

Ayes—Messrs. R. C. Elliott, S. M. Fulton, James B. Phillips, Thomps S. Bigelow, John N. Neeb, Frederick H. Torrence, W. H. DeCamp, Wm. B. Hersh, Jr., Wm. Flinn, George W. Wilson, George M. Massey, Wm. Shore, James Ingalls, James H. Johnston, David Beck, Samuel Barclay, Joseph W. Lewis, Thomas Rosewell, Thos. Stewart, C. L. Magee, Evan Jones, Richard Perry, Robert Dalzell, Wm. Flood, Wm. Smith, C. E. North, C. B. Seely, Wm. Sprague, George Bradley, Wm. J. Boyer, John M. Mariner, David E. Wagner, M. Funk, James Jarrett, James D. Reed, J. H. Jones, E. G. Crehan, J. W. Turney, C. S. Fetterman.

Nayes—Messrs. Richard Jones, H. J. Thomas, John S. Lambie, James Boyd, Samuel Belfree, J. W. Melampby, Wm. Hosack, F. Bess, Bartley Howard, James McKibbon, R. D. Dalzell, Jenkin Jones, I. C. Cline, Richard Stoffel, Thomas Ralph.

After this vote Mr. C. F. Fetterman offered the following resolutions, which were adopted.

THE PLATFORM.

Resolved, That this committee representing the Republican voters of Pittsburgh, and speaking in their name, heartily approve of the resolutions upon the pending Presidential complications adopted on the 12th inst. by the Senate of this State. We demand that the provisions of the law and the Constitution which regulate the choice of Presidential electors, and the counting of the electoral vote, shall be faithfully carried out, and that no threats of force and violence to produce a different result, shall be tolerated. We ask for nothing more and will accept nothing less.

Resolved, That we are earnest in the belief that Hayes and Wheeler were honestly and fairly elected in November last, and that in the strong confidence inspired by being in the right, we trust in the agencies provided by law, to see the will of the people, as expressed in the 185 electoral votes, cast for the Republican candidates, shall not be disregarded.

Resolved, That we urgently call upon the three conventions, ordered by this committee, and upon all the Republican primary meetings, for the selection of ward tickets, to see that the candidates selected by them are not only good men, but that they are severally pledged to economy in expenditures, and fidelity in the administration of city affairs, and to reform and retrenchment in every department of the city government. The burdens which have unexpectedly been cast upon the city by the late decisions of the Supreme Court, and the heavy debt under which the city is laboring, demand that the Councils and its officers shall cut off all expenses that can be avoided, curtail the number of city officers wherever practicable, reduce the city expenditures to the lowest possible point, secure at the earliest available day such a funding of the city debt as will reduce the interest thereof annually, and finally to arrange the system of taxation so as to equalize the burden, and render it as light as the circumstances of the city will permit.

It was decided by motion that the gentlemen selected to call the different conventions to order shall select the places of holding the same, and the meeting adjourned.

THE COURT RECORD.

Proceedings in the Several Courts Yesterday.

Common Pleas No. 1.

JUDGES STERRETT AND COLLIER.

Bussang vs. Nehren, previously reported. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $400.

McKnight and wife vs. Cunningham & Ihmsen, reported yesterday. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $800.

Singer Manufacturing Co. vs. Straw & Sawtell, on trial.

In the matter of the voluntary assignment of Alex. Scott to Harvy Darlington. Assignee's account confirmed *nisi*.

Thos. McNulty was appointed Judge of Election of Second District, Second ward, Pittsburgh.

McClaren vs. Kerr, motion to strike off non-suit.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Best, for use, vs. Franzinger.
Moore vs. Barr et al.
Lupton & Co. vs. Trimble et al.
Biber vs. North American Insurance Company.
Brown vs. School District of North Versailles township.
Hague vs. Richardson.
Rineman vs. Patterson.
Kauffman & Bro. vs. Conway.
McAtoos vs. Hukill.
Byrod vs. Herron et al.
Neal & Sons vs. Pittsburgh Gas Company.
Loveridge vs. Bidwell.
Burke vs. Scully.

Common Pleas No. 2.

JUDGES EWING AND KIRKPATRICK.

Hare & Son vs. Dean & Patterson, previously reported; verdict for plaintiffs in the sum of $208 38.

Blair vs. the City of Allegheny, reported yesterday; juror withdrawn and cause continued.

Hart & Rupers, same vs. Young and same vs. Meirsch, previously reported; jury out.

In the matter of Mary H. Eurick, petition to secure her separate earnings; petition granted.

Chas. Kaufelt vs. the Southside Passenger Railway, action to recover damages for the killing of plaintiff's child; on trial.

Robinson vs. Dilworth, J. M. Caldwell, Esq., appointed master to take testimony and report the facts to the court in the shape of a decree.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Bihn & Weiler vs. Weisenberger.
City of Pittsburgh vs. Patterson.
Miller et al. vs. Sahl.
Wilson Brothers vs. the Allegheny Trust Co.
Stewart vs. Washington & Baltimore R. R. Co.
McKisick & White vs. Mersdith.
Cunningham vs. Myers, Schoyer & Co.
Cook vs. McClure et al.
McLaughlin vs. Miller & Lyon.
Moeck vs. Reineman et al.
Rost vs. Bruch.
Harrison vs. Kellewine et ux.
Mechling, Prest, vs. Erwin & Co.

Criminal Court.

JUDGE STOWE.

Commonwealth vs. Michael Breisenderfer, indicted for larceny on oath of John Wallace. Verdict of guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Jas. Shields, indicted for larceny on oath of John Bennett. Verdict of guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Chas. Kerr indicted for obstructing the execution of a legal process, on oath of S. F. O'Brien. *Nolle pros* allowed on payment of costs by defendant.

Commonwealth vs. George Lippert, indicted for obtaining goods under false pretense. *Nolle pros* allowed on payment of costs by

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PETROLEUM at Antwerp, 51½.

BONDS at FRANKFORT, new 5's, 102½.

Gold closed in New York yesterday at 106¼.

THERE was a rumor yesterday that Turkey accepts the propositions of the Great Powers. If this is true the war is at an end.

THE NICHOLLS people do not regard President GRANT'S letter to General AUGUR as a recognition of the PACKARD government. It is not; but it is a strong hint as to what may come.

DIAZ' forces in Mexico are reported to have completely overcome the forces of both IGLESIAS and LERDO, thus making him *de facto* President without any formidable competitor. An election will probably be ordered as soon as the country is quiet.

COL. PELTON was before the Senate Investigating Committee yesterday, but was suffering from an attack of bad memory. He could not remember the details, even of the $8,000 transaction. The surprise now is that he should want to come before the committee at all.

CHANDLER does not frighten much under the threats of the House committee. He is perfectly willing to submit all his telegrams as Chairman of the Republican National Committee; but matters that relate to Cabinet duties he will not divulge. This is the pith of his declarations.

IT turns out that Senator LOGAN'S chance of re-election is not altogether desperate. The Independents do not take to PALMER, the Democratic candidate, but some of them have nominated a candidate of their own. They are not united, and LOGAN'S friends are now confident of his success.

THE Democrats got in their electoral count resolutions, yesterday, and had them read. They embrace the strongest Democratic view, practically claiming for the House the right to make the count. They are really self-contradictory, and are intended simply to off set the resolutions on the subject that were adopted. Of course, they will soon sleep quietly in death.

THE *Post* imagines that the GAZETTE is run with reference to its wishes, but is never pleased. If we say harsh; but true things of the Democratic party, we are unchristianly severe. If we speak of the recognition of so much of Southern demands as seems to be founded in justice, we are coming down. Blow hot or cold, we are ever wrong. Does the *Post* really know what it does prefer?

THE action of the City Executive Committee, last evening, in denying the right of candidates to have a man "inside," to see that an honest count is made, shows conclusively that the City Ring depend entirely on the Election Boards to put their candidates through. It is an old saying that "chickens come home to roost," and we predict that the present city election, unless a fair show is given, will produce a larger number of Independent candidates for city offices than has been seen for years.

THE Philadelphia *Press* is in error when it assumes that the opposition to the removal of the Capital of the State to Philadelphia grows out of sectional prejudices. There are higher and better reasons for the opposition. Aside from that of convenience, is the fact that Philadelphia at best exerts an undue influence over legislative action, and were the Capital removed to that city, this influence would be largely increased, owing to the readiness with which it could be brought to bear. The people of the State are much opposed to the transfer.

WE notice in the comments of some of the coal men over their losses, that they declare much of the damage might have been avoided, had the ice been cut away in season. This is in the line of our suggestion that it is possible to provide against such contingencies. This being the case, it is an open question whether the Government could not be induced to grant aid to provide permanent works that will protect the coal fleets from ice. The losses in the recent break up certainly show that the subject is worthy attention.

THE committee on the electoral count, despite rumors to the contrary, have not agreed on a plan, and the prospects do not seem entirely favorable to an agreement. The ideas which come nearest to general acceptance include the calling in of members of the United States Supreme Court as arbitrators, and they protest against being unofficially involved in the affair. They regard it as possible that the case may come before them, in regular form, and they do not wish to be embarrassed by having acted on it unofficially. Hence we doubt if they will consent to serve as proposed.

IT WAS not possible to have a political contest in New Orleans without PINCHBACK coming to the surface in some way. He is thought to be shrewd and sharp, but in his recent movements he has overreached himself. In the Republican Legislature he had the highest vote for United States Senator, and yet for some good reason he managed to hold three Senators away from the sessions, having them in his own house. Ordinarily it would be said that had he permitted them to attend the sessions of the Legislature, thus swelling his vote, he would have increased his chances of success. Taking offence at an attempt of the Sergeant-at-Arms to arrest and bring them into the Legislature, he and they went promptly over to the NICHOLLS Legislature. The result is the withdrawal of his name, and the end of his Senatorial chances.

We have a lengthy letter from a well-known citizen and large tax-payer at the East End, correcting us in one of our references in the discussion of the Penn Avenue Act. He shows that the people at the East End did not vote for annexation to the city, but were outvoted by the residents of the old city. Also, that when the bill was pending in the Legislature to complete the annexation, they opposed, and that the arrangement was finally completed, legislatively, by the arrangement whereby rural property was to be assessed only two-thirds of the city rates. He further claims that had the annexation not been made, the large outlay for improvements would not have been made, and thus we should have had no trouble. We judge our correspondent to be correct in his statements. His article is of too great length for publication, and we embody its pith in this brief form. The question that is now with us is, not how we got into the trouble, but how to get out. We have upon us a heavy burthen, and the nicest kind of financiering is essential to ultimate success.

THE lines begin to draw uncomfortably close around GROVER, and it is quite evident that the Oregon case will yet be shown to have been a first class conspiracy. That the $8,000 constituted a bond of sympathy between Oregon and New York, does not admit of doubt. The money has been traced up to PELTON, TILDEN'S confidential man, and came from TILDEN'S bank. A crony of the latter has been brought forward as the surety for the money, but no one need doubt as to who was ultimately responsible, or who developed the scheme to buy up the electoral vote. The committee are just now tapping the Oregon end of the stream, and we have the interesting development that GROVER attempted to bull-doze his Secretary of State into counting out WATTS in the interest of CRONIN. The figures could not be made to work that way, and so the course afterward followed was resolved upon. This shows that GROVER was not the innocent man he has sought to make believe; but that he had determined at the outset to make a break in the Oregon delegation. To bring together the links of these chains is what the committee will soon be at. The interest of the affair grows apace.

THE people of Illinois are agitating in favor of a plan placing the management of all municipal debts under the control of State officials. It is urged on the score of economy and safety. It is claimed that the State can borrow more cheaply than can the cities, and that thus economy will be conserved. Also, that with the accounts of each city kept by State officials, it will lessen the number of city officials, and give the public annual reports that will be more generally circulated and better understood. We notice in this city there is a wide-spread misapprehension as to the amount of our debt. The general impression seems to be that the Penn avenue decision increased our debt to from $18,000,000 to $19,000,000. This is not the case. Under the decision of Judge WHITE, two years or more ago, the Penn avenue bonds were accounted a part of the city debt, in the Controller's report; so that the amount given between $13,000,000 and $14,000,000 is the actual debt, since as well as before the Penn avenue decision. Whether an amendment might be made to the Constitution, by which the State shall assume municipal debts—each city being charged with its interest, and proportion of the sinking fund—is a very important question. If the State can borrow at from one to two per cent. cheaper than the city, the saving, as applied to our debt, would pay the principal in twenty years. It is being strongly and favorably discussed in Illinois, and if good there, may not be bad here.

NEW and important evidence has come to light in South Carolina which proves that admitting the votes of Edgfield and Laurens counties CHAMBERLAIN is elected by nearly 1,000 majority. In the mandamus case of the Democratic candidates against the Republican State officers, declared elected by the Board of State Canvassers, the Supreme Court recently appointed T. M. WILKES, Esq., referee, to ascertain all the facts of the canvass. He was authorized to examine the returns of precinct managers, as certified by the County Canvassers. He has ascertained that there are no precinct returns from Graniteville precinct, Aiken county. The Democratic majority reported there was 786, and it was so counted by the County Canvassers and by the State Board. The Republicans always alleged that it was grossly fraudulent, and that it was made up by repeaters from Augusta. The absence of the poll lists would prevent any verification of this charge, which probably accounts for its non-appearance. He has also received evidence which ought to secure the reception of the so-much disputed Robbins votes. The managers' returns from this precinct of Barnwell county were not included in the county canvass, because they did not reach the Court House in time. It was also alleged that the box was not opened in the proper place. The managers claimed that they were shot at and driven away from the usual place, as were those of the neighboring precinct at Canaan Fair; whereupon a poll was opened between the two points by the regularly sworn managers, and a Republican majority of 1,317 was returned. On their way to the Court House with the box and poll lists, they were attacked and compelled to hide in the swamps until it was too late to reach the Court House. The returns were then dispatched to the Secretary of State. This box was not included in any count by the Board of State Canvassers. It is patent now that it ought to have been counted. It is not known what course the courts will take, but the facts thus developed show conclusively that CHAMBERLAIN is the legally elected Governor.

THE FLOOD.

Shortly after noon yesterday dispatches were received in this city that immense floods were pouring down the Monongahela, Allegheny and Youghiogheny. At Brownsville the water was reported forty-two feet in depth. All the streams tributary to the Allegheny and Monongahela were pouring out floods of water, the result of the heavy rains, the rapid melting of the snows, and the fact that the frozen ground does not absorb the water. If the reports prove correct, we should have here a flood, ranging from twenty-five to thirty feet in depth or more.

The unusual character of the winter, the thick ice, and the sudden break up of the cold, with consequent ice gorges and following floods should freshly inspire the question whether our rivers cannot be prepared for such contingencies? Should they occur once in ten years, and be attended by the destructive force of the present, it will amply repay a large outlay, if thereby safety to property can be secured. It is doubted by some of our river men, whether this is possible. Examples have been given us where large and heavy masses of masonry, that were thought to be firm against anything that could come against them, have been swept off by the ice gorges, as though they were feathers. It is certain, however, that the dams and locks stand; and if nothing else will endure the crash, or permit the ice and floods to pass over it, and move safely away, these do. Hence we have a strong reason why the proposed improvement of the Ohio should be speedily consummated. This will enable coal fleets to move at all times, except when the river is frozen, and thus prevent the accumulation of large stocks of coal at the pools. Thus there would not be at any time the amount of property subject to passing floods, that we now have. This alone would be an act of precaution, that might prove of great value to the coal and river trade. The events of the past few days prove to us, at any rate, that we cannot delay, safely, some measure of relief. It is estimated that the losses, when they shall be finally made up, will prove the recent ice gorge to have been the most destructive we have ever had here. The figures given are mere guesses, but the total, when reliable *data* is finally given, will prove very great. Thus we are severely reminded of the need of some positive action, looking to providing against the recurrence of such calamities. And as the ice swings around into the pools, and destroys boats and property there, it seems as if the only provision that will be at all satisfactory is the permanent improvement of the Ohio, so it may be navigable at all times.

HOPES AND FEARS.

The Presidential count is still in as much doubt and obscurity as ever, and there is a possibility that the two committees to arrange a plan for counting the vote may disagree. So far as there is any knowledge as to their views, it is said that both parties have yielded some of their original claims—the Democrats that the House has the right to reject, and the Senate that its President has the right to make the count, irrespective of either House. Yet it is also understood that there are other differences, and hence much doubt of an ultimate agreement. We are not in a position to estimate the probabilities in this case. Whatever the outcome may be, we have faith in the Senatorial Committee, at least, that it will be generally acceptable to the Republican party. Connected with this question are several other matters, all of which will have their effect in determining the final result. The Congressional Committees, sent to certain contested States, have about completed their work, and their reports will have much influence in enlightening public opinion. The Senate Committees will, we think, present clear reports, well backed by evidence. The House Committees will not be able to offer reports that will materially affect those of the Senate Committees. Louisiana, as we view it, will be the only State the Democrats will seriously contest, and there the weight of testimony will be against them.

Just what the Democracy will do relative to their great gathering at Washington on the 14th of February remains to be seen. If that movement is resolved upon, and the attempt to gather a vast mass of their worst element, secretly armed, to overawe Congress is made, it is entirely certain that Republicans will prepare offsetting measures. One of these they seem to have gotten wind of, judging from the howls of the *Post* and Philadelphia *Times*. They are absolutely wild in their protestations and appeals. The *Times* thinks it bad policy for the Republican party to arouse violent passions. It does not propose to do this. At most, it proposes to be prepared, should the Democracy attempt to carry measures by force, to meet it. If they are peaceful and willing to arrange the matter amicably, on a basis of right, there will be no trouble from the Republican side. But it is time for them to remember that they have been using rifles and shot guns quite freely in connection with the election. So long as their rifle clubs could operate on peaceful Republicans, all was well; but the instant the other side begins to prepare against the continuance of those outrages, then we have a howl. So be it. We fancy, however, that their advice and appeals will not go for much. The Republicans will pursue their own course, without reference to their advice. If all is peaceful we shall have no demonstrations either in the form of laws or otherwise. But if Congress is to be coerced, it means business, in which several will share.

LOVE CHANGED TO HATRED.

The Story of a Woman's Long Delayed, but Remorseless Revenge.

Yesterday afternoon there came in on the Kansas Pacific train a festive appearing cow-boy. His face was smooth and features quite the reverse of masculine. His complexion was fair and eyes were blue. But for his shape and the fair neck which was exposed by the open collar of of the red woolen shirt he wore, he would have been taken for an overgrown youth, whose voice was just changing, and passed for a sure-enough boy. He wasn't a boy, however, but a well-proportioned woman of twenty-two summers, who wore the inevitable high-heeled boots characteristic of the cow-boy. Her tightly fitting pants were stuffed in the boot tops, and an old and much-worn white felt hat, pulled far down on the head, hid in part the straight light brown hair, which had been cut short to deceive.

This woman is a native of Nebraska, having been raised in the vicinity of Omaha. Three years ago she was courted by a young man, who won her affections, and who had promised to marry her. The day for the nuptials had been set and every preparation made for the happy event. A day or two before the marriage was to have taken place the young man very suddenly and mysteriously disappeared, no one knew how or when. A few months after he had so cruelly deserted her she learned from an acquaintance of his that he had gone down toward Texas, on the cattle range, where he was herding stock. Learning this much about him, she started out to find him, not that she desired to become his bride, as her love had turned to hate, but she desired to confront him, tell him of his infamy, and then return to her home. With this view she adopted the costume of a man, or, in other words, donned pantaloons, and started on his trail. Through the wild country she passed, often hearing of but never seeing him. For months and months she has stood upon the prairies, herding cattle, watching and waiting for him. Latterly she has been at work near Clay Center, in the capacity of a cow boy, riding horseback as reckless and fast as any of the boys. She has sat by the camp fires with them and heard recounted the wild scenes in the life of the cow boy, and never once was suspected of being a woman. A few weeks ago she came up with her faithless lover in the vicinity of Clay Centre. Under some pretext she induced him to ride with her away from the others who were herding, and when out of sight and out of hearing of all others, she drew her revolver and made herself known to him. What she did she refused to tell more than this. She remarked: "I'll bet he wpn't trifle with another girl's affections. I am satisfied and am going home." She left on the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs railroad for Omaha yesterday afternoon, taking the smoking car rather than withstand the gaze of the ladies in the coaches. Her name she refused to give save that of Ed. Brown.—*Kansas City Journal.*

A PRETTY DOMESTIC SCENE.

Spicer's Wrestle With the Collar.

There was a "collar and elbow wrestling match" at the residence of our esteemed fellow-citizen, Seth Spicer, last week, that gentleman having undertaken to fasten a 14½ collar on a 15 shirt band. The first bout was short and sharp. Spicer came up to the dressing glass smiling, fastened two buttons, clutched himself by the back of the neck, and tried to ram the third button hole over his neck stud, when the top of his right thumbnail gave way, he rammed his fist into his clean shirt bosom, trod on the baby's Christmas dog, and smashed the bark out of it, barked his shin against the bureau, and "blasted" the offending furnishing goods earnestly.

Mrs. S. here remarked that he "need not use such dreadful language, with the children in the next room. I never saw a man that had a bit of patience," continued Mrs. Spicer, as she stepped forward to take a hand in the contest. Spicer took one step to the rear, and landed the heel of a heavy No. 10 boot on the toe of his partner's slipper.

"Ouch! Ow!" shrieked the counsellor of patience and good language. "You great, clumsy lummux; you have trodden on my lame toe. No you aren't sorry; I saw you grin in the glass," and Mrs. S. limped out of the arena.

Spicer took a fresh hold, and refreshing himself with the remembrance of the time he lifted eleven hundred and fifty pounds at Winnbipi's, gave a mighty tug, and tore two button holes clean out.

There was murder in Spicer's eye, and perspiration on his forehead, as he went calmly to work on the second piece of neck gear, but a happy thought occurring to him, he seized a boot buttoner and wrenched the refractory linen into its place.

Just as Mrs. S. called from the hall that the carriage had been there for half an hour, and Lash and Drivem always charged for waiting, the rear button gave way, and the triumphant linen rode up into Spicer's back hair. The unhappy man jabbed a big pin into the place of the missing button, and rushed off to enjoy a social party, with a realizing sense all the evening of how those devotees used used to feel who wore a hair shirt, or a spiked collar with the points inward.

THE AMERICAN ABROAD.

"America 'tis of Thee I Sing."

A Good Natured Growl—An Attempt to Account for the Rapidly Growing Unpopularity of Americans Abroad, by Finding Fault with their Behavior.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette,
DECEMBER 23, 1876.

At this season of good feeling I am going to ease my mind by a letter of complaint against some of my own country people, not, of course, with any idea that any of the persons referred to as objectionable could possibly be readers of the GAZETTE, or that they would pay any attention to me if they were; but it may, perhaps, serve to explain to some people why, when traveling abroad in the most quiet and reputable manner, they have sometimes met with coldness and suspicion, and other evidences of dislike. They were simply reaping part of the harvest grown up from the crop of wild oats and other weeds that other and less respectable Americans had sown. For there are a great many people who seem to think that they can do as they please so soon as they get where they are unknown, and who then please to behave in an objectionable manner. We have all noticed this frequently among immigrants at home. Having torn up their roots in one place they often run wild for a time before settling down steadily in another. I remember some years ago the *Freiheits Freund* gave this unsettled feeling among a large element of the population of America as a reason for not wishing the freedom of European Sundays to supplant the grim strictness of a Pittsburgh Sabbath and a very sensible reason it seems to me to be.

Well, a great many Americans when they come abroad let themselves loose from all restraint and show what they would be if they dared when at home. These are the noisy Americans whom one meets every place; the most riotous in every riot, the most unrestrained at every resort of pleasure, the chief patrons of the Mabilles and Cafes Boulevard, the wildest participators in the carnival, the heroes of the greatest numbers of duels in the university towns. Then there is that other numerous class of people, who, indeed, never cease to remember that they are respectable and are something to society; but who, being the chief people, let us say in Mary-janeville, and well known there as the arbiters of etiquette and propriety, come abroad unwilling to see any good thing, and intolerant of all manners and customs which may differ from the Mary-janeville code. *They* know what is right and proper and fitting, and the most that can be expected of them is pity for the benighted foreigner whose ways are so different as often to cause shrieks of derisive laughter or groans of pious horror. Now since the better kinds of American travelers go about quietly, attending to the business or pleasure that they have in hand, and never intentionally calling attention to themselves, or interfering with other people, they escape especial notice; but these others are known everywhere as Americans. Is it any wonder, then, that we are unpopular as a nation, and that the stage American, in Germany at least, has become a person dressed in an exaggeration of the latest fashion, who is defiant of all laws, and who is prone to inform the public of the vast inferiority of his present surroundings to the things he is accustomed to at home?

SOME "AMERICANISMS."

I heard, the other day, of the amusing adventures of a party of young Americans who arrived at Bremerhaven on one of the North German Lloyd steamers, and which I tell, not by way of illustrating either of the classes above mentioned, but rather to show how easily carelessness or ignorance of foreign customs may produce a prejudicial impression among foreigners. These young men were of good families and position in different States at home, but when they landed at Bremerhaven they could not speak German and they did not think much any way of the people who were ignorant of the English language. They got into a coupe of a railway car, by themselves, and the train started. In the ceiling of each coupe here there is a lamp with curtains to cover it in case the traveler at night prefers to be without light. These curtains were drawn in this instance and our travelers could not make out what it was. They looked at and discussed the thing until the man from South Carolina said he was going to examine it, and took hold of it for that purpose. Scarcely had he touched it, however, when the engine whistled down brakes, for the station of Burg-Lesum. The South Carolinian dropped as if shot: "My Lord! boys, I've stopped the train." There was a hurried consultation, and a decision that as soon as the train stopped they would "pile out" of that and into another coupe, and then know nothing whatever of the matter. This plan they carried out successfully; but then, seeing other passengers also getting out, and moreover, finding the lamp in their new coupe uncurtained, and so suspecting their mistake, they decided to have time passed by before they reëntered the train. Upon going into the station restaurant the only thing they could ask for was beer, and the bar tender, seeing only two of them, placed two glasses of *Pilsner* on the counter. The stately railway inspector, with his uniform and broad red cap, had also ordered a glass of beer which stood before him, but which he was too fine to be in a hurry about, pausing first to twirl his moustache and look about him at the crowd. Our Americans had also been looking about them, when, hearing a bell ring, they turned in haste to get their beer. Seeing but two glasses the third man was non-plused for a second, when, seeing another full glass standing before the man who was twirling his moustache, he supposed it had been put there by mistake, and so quietly took it up and drank it before the very eyes of the astonished and indignant inspector. That gentleman remonstrated in excellent German, and so found that any but a very deaf American ought to have understood him, but unfortunately our man didn't, and only bowed and smiled. This aggravated Mr. Inspector, who made some more loud remarks and finally shook his fist under the culprit's nose. This was the first thing that both parties understood, and the American at once said some very loud and emphatic English, which anyone but a "Dutchman" ought of course to have understood. But the inspector did not, and if the train had not been like time and tide, there would probably have been a fight, but as it was our travelers just caught it and went on to Bremen, feeling greatly injured, while the inspector, no doubt, still thinks that Americans are in the habit of offering insults to unoffending people in the most ruthless manner.

"A THEATRICAL SCENE."

In Bremen of course the travelers tried the old wine in the famous Rathskeller, and then went to the theatre. There they first tried to hang their coats on hooks which long custom had made the special property of certain habitues; and when foiled in that they finally gave their coats to the woman in charge and demanded checks for them. The check system has not been introduced into the Bremen theatre cloak rooms, nor does a single one of the dozen attendants excel in English, so there was a long and loud dispute, which was settled by the travelers seizing their property and carrying it into the theater with them. The seats of the Stadt Theatre here have springs so that the moment you rise the seat flies up against the back and is out of the way. I have seen the same kind of seats in America, but they don't have them much in South Carolina. The young man from that State very carefully pushed his seat down, then letting go and turning about, he quietly sat down on the floor. Nothing was more natural than that he should abuse the Germans for this mishap, nor could his companions be greatly blamed for laughing aloud. But all the accompanying racket was a little out of place in the midst of a Shakespearean tragedy, and the audience were scarcely to be blamed for disapproving, or for whispering in rather uncomplimentary tones: "American!" This is the last of this series of adventures that I have to tell, for the travelers got to laughing so much at the absurdity of hearing Romeo, or Othello, or whichever character it was, talking "Dutch," that they had to leave the theatre, and when I saw them the next day they were just about to start for the interior.

It is not uncommon here to see, just after the arrival of an American steamer, men in American looking clothes, noisily intoxicated, about the streets; these men are often heard proclaiming to the world that they are American citizens. They are usually steerage or second cabin passengers, of German birth, who have been long enough in America to lose the feeling of being watched by the authorities, which seems to me to repress even the drunken man here. They have probably made some money and have come back to visit their old homes and astonish the natives. Apparently in their native villages they are admired as they usually take several others back with them, but in the cities through which they pass they are not loved. The police know them to be rather reckless, the citizens know that they have learned in America to get noisy-drunk and that they are rather in the habit of beginning in railway carriages to abuse Germany in the German language, larded with English words. The unpleasant change in these people from quiet inoffensiveness to noisy obtrusiveness is set down to the debit of America.

TALKING AT THE TABLE.

One other reason why we are not liked is the exceedingly bad habit so many people have of taking it for granted that no body but themselves understands English. I live at a hotel to which many Americans come when *en route* to or from the steamers, and at the *table d' hote* I frequently hear the most candid criticism, not only of the dishes and cookery, but of the people and their habits. These remarks are often shouted across the table, so that neighbors on either hand can hear them, and as about half the diners are merchants, who speak English fluently, as do nearly all the waiters, it is easy to imagine how much their love for Americans is increased thereby. Take, for instance, a few specimen remarks, such as I have heard:

"Laura, did you ever see such an object in your life as that Dutch woman? I wonder where she bought all that hair?"

"Good heavens! These people will turn to cabbages some day—they don't eat anything else."

"Gracious! Maria, look how that man next you shovels in peas with his knife; no wonder he has such a big mouth. I should think he would cut it from ear to ear."

"There is not a decent looking woman at the table, and as far as their clothes; lands! Did you ever see such guys?"

If the people of whom such remarks are made hear and understand them, it must be only with the greatest difficulty that they can continue to love the neighbor who makes the remarks, as they do themselves. I can say, however, that English people are as prone to behave in this manner as are Americans. In fact, most Anglo-Saxons seem to as firmly believe that no foreigner ever understands English as the French believe that every one ought to understand French.

The English, after the battle of Waterloo had rendered continental travel possible, attained a general reputation for being the richest, most extravagant, most eccentric and most unpleasant of people. For years they held this proud pre-eminence, and twelve years ago I found them still holding it, but since the close of our war, Europe has been overrun with American tourists, and, as far as I can make out, in this respect we have caught up with and distanced the English. That this is entirely due to the doings of tourists is shown, I think, by the fact that of scores of German gentlemen and ladies whom I have met, who have visited America, I have yet to find the first who does not speak in gratifying terms of the country and the people.

THE REMEDY.

That this evil repute should be as quickly lost as acquired I do not doubt. If all respectable people who come abroad would simply behave with the same regard for the proprieties that they would if traveling in America, a great deal would already be accomplished. I suppose it would be Utopian to hope that any great number of people ever could be brought to believe that manners and customs which are not their own manners and customs, can, under any conceivable circumstances, be anything but wrong, if not even wicked. And, of course, there must always remain a certain portion of the traveling public who behave with rudeness and coarseness and vulgarity, simply because they know no better.

After all this fault-finding, however, I will close my letter, and indulge in a little meditation upon the pleasant people I have met, and take comfort in the fact that the most elegant, most refined, most fascinating, most unassuming people I have known abroad have also been among my fellow-countrymen.

W. K.

The Ungrateful Goal.

Saturday three or four boys clubbed together and stole a goat belonging to a man on Park Place. William is noted all through that neighborhood as being a direct descendant of the wickedest goat which ever walked on four legs. He soon gave the thieves to understand that they had better try to steal a buzz-saw in motion, and being unable to handle him, they tied him in an alley behind a block of stores on Grand River avenue. After an hour or so a grocery clerk with red hair and a big heart happened to look out of the back window and discovered William stamping around and shaking with the cold.

"That's a pretty trick, that is," said the clerk, as he opened the door. "Some thief has tied him here to wait for darkness."

His big heart prompted him to advance and untie the poor animal. He walked around him to look for marks of ownership, and was about to take a close view of the goat's ears, when William doubled up like a jack-knife, shot forward, and he knocked that clerk fourteen feet to an inch. It seemed to the clerk, as he lay stretched out in the alley, that enough time passed for him to recover his breath for the Presidential question to be fully settled, the new loans all taken up, St. Patrick's day to arrive and depart, and Christmas, 1877, to arrive, but in reality it was only one minute and thirty-five seconds.

He got up and began heaving barrels at the mild-eyed assassin, and this is how a policeman came to make threats, why a crowd collected, why a clerk swore loudly and roundly, and why a goat walked off on his elbow down the alley, gazing back now and then to see if anybody wanted anything of him.

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Brother Gardner, the colored philosopher, got into a row at the market yesterday, and he not only had the worst end of the fight, but was walked to the station.

"Can't dis yere trifle be settled for a million dollars?" he anxiously inquired of the Captain.

"No; you will have to be locked up," was the answer.

"Dere is no escape for me, eh?"

"None. Those who enter here must leave all hope behind."

"Well, sah," sighed the aged man, "dere's one favor dat I want to request of you. If dat Jones, who got up the fight, comes down heah to gloat over my misfortunes, as he will, doan' you let him in. It's bad nuff to be kigked in de stummick and hit on de ear without the victorious party comin' down heah, lookin' through de bars an' callin' out, 'Behold de mangled remains of Brudder Gardner!' Just keep dat man away."

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River matters were of more interest than direct monetary affairs, yesterday. Indeed, the condition of the river meant money saved or money lost. The effect of the river will soon be seen at our banks, in new demands for ready money to supply the coal lost in the floods. Up to evening yesterday, rumors of heavy floods were current, and many fears of danger and break-up were entertained. The effect on the banks was not perceptible yesterday, in the demand for loans. Rates of discount have been firm, and the lines of the banks have been advantageously filled. From other sources than those named above, applications for bank favors have not been pressing. Collections have been good, and the moderate needs of business men at this season have been mainly satisfied in this way. The counter transactions of the banks were not large, and the aggregate exhibit for the week shows a slight decrease as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The difference, however, being small,—less than 2 per cent.

BANK DIRECTORS' OATHS.

As soon as chosen, at any rate before they can serve, directors of our National banks must take a formal oath of office. The oath signed by the director making it, and certified by the officer before whom it is taken, must be at once sent to the Comptroller of the Currency, who files and preserves it. There are a good many oaths to be taken, first and last, in the course of the business of starting and running a National bank. The founders of the bank must swear to the organization certificate, which they sign at the start. The president and cashier must make oath that the stock has been paid in. The president or cashier must every July make a sworn return of list of shareholders. The president or cashier must swear to every return of the bank's condition, which is made to the Comptroller; to every report of dividends made; to every report of circulation, deposits and capital, upon which report the bank taxes are levied. But notwithstanding all this oath-taking, every little while some of the banks which have for years been running along in a lame and unlawful condition.

The bank director who can deliberately take the "iron-clad" oath prescribed, and then as deliberately permit his bank to violate the provisions of the bank act must be peculiarly constituted. The Comptroller keeps a full list of all the officers of all the national banks of the United States, and in order to keep this list perfect, the banks are required to report to the Comptroller annually, or whenever any change in officers takes place, the signatures of the President, Vice President, Cashier, and Assistant Cashier, together with the oath of office of the board of directors.

"THE DEBTOR CLASS."

One would suppose, to read and hear the things said about the wrongs perpetrated upon "the debtor class," by financial legislation, completed or contemplated, that there was such a class of men really in existence, whose principal business was to owe money to another class, known as "the creditor class," and that the dividing line between the two was as distinctly drawn as that between the two great political parties. All this is an amusing fiction. There is a "debtor class," or rather a great number of debtors, but there is nothing fixed about it. The man who is a debtor to-day becomes a creditor to-morrow, and possibly a debtor again the next day. In mercantile and manufacturing life men are both debtors and creditors, at the same time, buying goods on credit, and settling them in the same way, the balance of indebtedness being in their favor, and almost as often against them. True, there is a class of debtors to whom this description does not apply, the large corporations, &c., and some individuals, who have borrowed for long terms, but even these are usually creditors, also, to some extent. Any financial legislation which causes sudden and violent changes should always be avoided, because of its tendency to unsettle all kinds of business, to the injury of both debtors and creditors, but men pass from one class to the other so constantly that no special care, other than is necessary for the protection of the entire business community, needs to be bestowed upon "the debtor class."

BANK TAXATION.

We have always held that the burden of taxation falling upon the national banks of the country was no more severe than that resting upon most of the taxable interests of the country. The National Bankers' Association takes a different view of this matter, and is to-day struggling with the difficult problem of how to convince Congress that taxes upon the national banks are particularly oppressing and deserving of immediate and material reduction. Section 5214 of the Revised Statutes of the United States provides that the national banks shall pay to the Treasurer of the United States one per cent. annually upon the average amount of notes in circulation, and one-half of one per cent. annually upon the average amount of deposits and the average amount of capital stock not invested in United States bonds.

Under this law the United States has collected since the organization of the national system in 1861 nearly 73 millions of dollars. Of this circulation paid 34 millions, deposits about the same, and capital nearly five millions. The entire expenses of collecting these taxes are paid out of the proceeds of the duties assessed on the national banks.—*Boston Com. Bulletin.*

MAINE SAVINGS BANK.

The laws of Maine relative to savings banks will probably be radically revised the present winter. Limits to deposits from any one person will quite likely be set at $2,000. It is proposed to restrict the semi-annual dividends to 2½ per cent. It is expected that the State tax will be set on deposits at one-half of the one per cent. per annum, and that the trustees of each bank will be called upon to set aside every six months one-fourth of one per cent. on the whole amount of deposits, as a reserve fund, till it amounts to five per cent. of the assets.

INTEREST.

There is a feeling among many savings banks that it is far better to reduce the rate of interest on loans, where by so doing the payment of the principal can be assured, rather than to maintain the rate, and compel the surrender of the property to the banks. The unhealthy competition for deposits is at an end, and it will not be surprising if some of the soundest banks shall decide to reduce the rate of interest to both borrowers and depositors, declaring extra dividends to the latter when it can be done consistently with solvency.

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Lehigh Valley (A.)	60⅜	N. Pacific Guaranteed	

NEW YORK, January 16, 1877.

Money 5@6; prime mercantile paper 5@6. The customs receipts were $394,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $525,000. The clearings were $32,000,000. Sterling 483½@485. Gold opened at 106⅞, fell off to 106⅜, rose to 107, and closed at 106⅞. The carrying rates were 6½ to 5. The late advance was due to advices from Washington about silver legislation. Silver at London is 57½ pence per ounce. Here bar silver is $1.32½ bid greenbacks and $1.24½ bid gold; silver coin $1.24½ bid. Governments were strong and higher, with a heavy investment demand. Railroad bonds were generally firm. State securities quiet; Tennessees lower. The stock market was unsettled, fluctuating frequently between strength and weakness. The chief features were a halt in the upward speculation in Western Union and a sharp decline in New Jersey Central, which wasre covered at the close. Early in the day Western Union advanced to 76½, but afterwards fell off to 75¾ and closed at 75⅞ seller 60. Options were done at a difference of ⅛@¼ per cent, against ¼ yesterday. The decline in this stock was attributed by some to sales by the California party, and by others to outside stock brought into the market in consequence of a reduction in rates yesterday. The fact that the New York Central, Erie and Lake Shore roads had not advanced Eastern freights in accord with the other trunk lines had a slight effect against the general market early in the day. New Jersey Central opened at 34½, declined to 32½, and closed at 34. Lake Shore advanced ⅛ and Michigan Central fell off ⅛. The transactions were about 100,000 shares, of which 47,000 were Western Union, 10,000 St. Pauls, 14,000 Lake Shore, 6,000 Michigan Central, 4,000 Lackawanna, and 11,000 New Jersey Central.

Governments.—United States Coupons 1881, 114⅜; 5-20s '65, 109½; do. '65 new, 110½; do. '67, 113½; do. '68, 116; new 5s, 112½; new 4½s, 108½; 10-40s, 113; do. coupons, 113¾; currency 6s, 122½.

State Bonds.—Tennessee old, 44; do. new, 43; Virginia new, 30; do. old, 30; Missouri 6s, 104 1-4.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph Company, 75⅜; Quicksilver, 15½; do preferred, 20; Pacific Mail, 23½; Mariposa, 6; do. preferred, 6½; Adams Express, 102½; Wells, Fargo & Company's Express, 84½; American Express, 57½; United States Express, 56; New York Central, 102; Erie, 9½; do. preferred, 17½; Harlem, 138½; do. preferred, 133; Michigan Central, 48½; Panama, 122½; Union Pacific, 59½; Lake Shore, 84½; Illinois Central, 89½; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 91; Northwestern common, 36½; do preferred, 56½; C. C. C. & I., 3?; New Jersey Central, 34; Rock Island, 101½; St. Paul, 19; do. preferred, 51 5 8; Toledo & Wabash, 4; Fort Wayne, 100½; Terre Haute, 3½; do. preferred, 14½; Chicago & Alton, 95; do. preferred, 110; Ohio & Mississippi, 6⅝; Delaware & Lackawanna, 75½; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, 16½; Missouri Pacific, 101½; Atlantic & Pacific preferred, 2; Indiana Central, 3⅜; Burington & Quincy, 117½; Hannibal & St. Joseph, 12½; Central Pacific, 106½; Union Pacific, 103½; Union Pacific land grants, 101½; Union Pacific sinking fund, 94½.

LONDON, January 16—5 P. M.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £256,000. Consols, 95 5-16; 5-20s '65, 105½; do. '67, 108½; new 5s, 109½; 10-40s, 108½; New York Central, 99; Erie, 9½; do. preferred, 17¾.

PARIS, January 16.—Rentes, 106f 22½c.

FRANKFORT, January 16.—U. S. new 5s, 102⅜.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, January 16, 1877.

The only change of any importance to note is an advance of 25c per bbl on Flour, which continues strong and somewhat excited. Groceries and Provisions in fair demand, although the inquiry for these, as almost everything else, is confined to supplying immediate wants. The leading articles of produce remain unchanged. The resumption of river navigation will have a favorable influence on most branches of business, as the cost of transportation is much less than by rail.

APPLES—Selling in a jobbing way, from store, at $4.75@5 ₱ bbl, as to quality and condition.

APPLE-BUTTER—Scarce; quoted at 35@40c ₱ gallon in kegs, and 45@50c in small packages.

BEANS—Are scarce, and firmly held at $2@2.15 per bushel in round lots and $2.25 in a jobbing way.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—3½@4 cents.

BROOM CORN—Hurl, 6@6½c; choice brush that will work up, 5@5½; choice covers 4½@5c; choice binding and covers, 4@4½; inferior and mixed, 3@4; crooked, 2½@3, as to color and quality.

BUTTER—Sales of prime to choice rolls at 22@25c, with but little call for any other kind.

CHEESE—Prime Ohio Factory is quoted at 14@14½c to the wholesale trade, and 15@15½c in a jobbing way. "Young American" quoted in a jobbing way at 18; "Parmesan," 30c.

CRANBERRIES—Quoted at $8@11 ₱ bbl, as to quality.

CIDER—The arrivals continue light, but the supply is fully equal to the demand and prices remain unchanged; $3.50@4.50 per bbl—barrels included.

DRIED PEAS—Owing to the scarcity and high prices of Potatoes and Beans there has been an unusually good demand for Peas, as being the cheapest goods in this line. They are selling freely at $1.80 ₱ bushel in round lots and $1.75 in a jobbing way.

DRIED FRUIT—There is no movement worthy of mention in Apples, and they can only be quoted nominal at 4@5c ₱ lb. Some have Peaches are making their appearance at 12@13c ₱ lb, but moving in small lots only.

DRESSED HOGS—7@7½c ₱ lb.

EGGS—The supply of fresh is almost exhausted, and prices are still tending upward; we now quote at 35@36c.

FLOUR—We have to report a continued firm market and an advance of 25c per bbl. It is worthy of notice in this connection that good brands can scarcely be laid down here at the advance. We now quote good brands, of either winter or spring, at $6.50@7.25; choice, $7.25@7.50; patent process and fancy white wheat brands, $8.50@8.80. Rye flour, $4.50@4.75.

GROCERIES—There is a fair degree of activity in Grocery circles, but still plenty of room for improvement; while the inquiry is chiefly for small lots to supply immediate wants, there is a very fair business in the aggregate. In regard to values we have no change to report.

SUGARS.

Cut Loaf	12¾a	Standard A	11¾@12
Crushed	12¾a	Standard B	11¾@11¾
Granulated	12¾a	Standard Ex C	11¼@11¾
Powdered	12 a	N. O.	9½@10¼

COFFEES.

Green.		Roasted.	
Choice	24	Best	29
Prime	25	Second Grade	26
Fair	24	Third Grade	24
Java	32	Java	36

Loose half a cent less.

SYRUPS.

Choice	60@65	Fair	50@55
Prime	55@60	Common	40@45

MOLASSES.

Choice new crop N. O.	65@65c
Prime new crop N. O	55@60c
Fair new crop N. O	50@55c

GRAIN—There is a steady milling demand for Wheat and prices are still tending upward; we now quote at $1.48@1.50 for fair to prime Penna. and Ohio red; do. amber and white, $1.52@1.55. Millers here are loth to follow the advance, but they must do it otherwise they can get no Wheat. There is no change to note in the Oat market; demand light and prices unchanged; mixed, 39@39½; white, 40@40c. Ear Corn is in fair demand and firmer; quotable at 65@66c on track, as to quality—sale of one car, to arrive, at 56. Shelled Corn steady at 47@48c, on track, for mixed toprime yellow, with a limited supply in this market. Rye quiet and unchanged at 74@75. Little or nothing doing in Barley.

HAY—With light receipts and an average demand the market is firmer, and loose is selling from country wagons at $18@18 per ton. Baled, on track, $18@20 for fair to prime timothy.

MILL FEED—Is scarce and higher. Bran, $16@17; Seconds and Shorts, $18@19; Chopped Feed, $20@22; Middlings, $22@24, as to quality.

ONIONS—There is not much inquiry, but the supply is small and prices are still maintained; $1.50@1.60 ₱ bbl.

OILS—Lard and Miners both higher and excited. Several changes have taken place within the past week, in sympathy with the advance in all the dog products. Procter & Gamble's double extra, 9½ @9¾c; W. Alexander & Co do, 9@9½; No. 1, 7½@8; No. 2, 6½@6½; White winter miners, 61@63; yellow, 58@57 cents. Carbon quoted at 24¾ cents to the wholesale trade, and 1@2c additional in a jobbing way.

POULTRY—Dressed Chickens, 10@12; do. Turkeys, 11@13, with more inquiry for the former than the latter. Live Chickens, 40@50c per pair.

POTATOES—In fair demand but unchanged; selling at $1.12½@1.35 per bushel from store, as to quality.

PROVISIONS—There is only a moderate trade, the abundance of poultry and fresh meats curtailing the consumption, but prices are still maintained. The course of the market during the past 30 or 40 days, has disappointed operators generally, as it was thought prices would rule lower instead of going higher.

Hams—Ex S C ₱ lb 12
Shoulders Ex S. C. " 9
Hams Sugar Cured " 13
Dried beef Ex S. C. " 15
Beef Tongues S. C. " 20
Bacon Should'rs new " 8
Short Rib Sides " 8½
Clear Sides " 10¾
Mess Pork ₱ bbl $12.50
Short Cut do 13.50
Lard, prime leaf, tcs 12¼
Do. Hf bbls 13¼
Do. do. bkts 13¾
Do. 3 lb caddies 14½
Do. 5 lb do 14¾
Do. 10 lb do 14¾
Do. 5 lb. do 14¾
Do. 3 lb. do —
Pigs feet (half bbls) 4 30
Do. (kegs) 2 15
Ham Sausage 9¾

BREADSTUFFS—Steady at 2@2½ ₱ lb for good country mixed.

TALLOW—Is easier; city quoted at 8½c per lb; country, 7½c.

Boston.

BOSTON, January 16.—Flour in fair demand; Minnesota $6.75@8. Corn scarce; mixed and yellow 67@70c. Oats firm; No. 1 white 39@43c. Flour in fair demand. Wheat steady; red $1.40; amber $1.45. Corn steady at 44c. Rye 80c. Oats firm; white 38c; mixed 39c. Pork quiet at $17.00. Bulk meats quiet at 7¾, 8¾@8¾c. Lard dull; 10¾@10¾c. Whisky quiet at $1.06.

Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, January 16.—Flour: fair demand. Wheat closed heavy; No. 1 Milwaukee $1.38; No. 2 $1.30½; No. 3 $1.21. Corn steady; No. 2 44c. Oats firm; No. 2 34½c. Rye quiet; No. 1 74½c. Barley dull; No. 2 spring 83c; No. 3 39c.

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, January 16.—Cotton quiet; sales 1,900 bales; middlings 12¼c; receipts 1,508; shipments 1,400. Others unchanged.

Oswego.

OSWEGO, January 16.—Wheat firm; No. 2 Milwaukee club held $1,45; No. 2 red Wabash $1,50. Corn: western mixed 59c.

Petroleum.

(By Western Union Telegraph.)

OIL CITY, January 16.—The *Derrick* says: The opening price was about $3,65, though few, if any, sales were made below $3,66¾. At that price quite a fair amount of business was done. The feeling then improved, and there was a gradual advance to $3,70¾, and a few sales were made quietly at $3,71¼. This was the highest point attained during the day. At $3,70 there were numerous sales. In the afternoon there was a quieter feeling, and declined to $3,65, followed by another advance to $3,68½, and then declined to $3,65, at which the closing business of the day was done. 15,000 barrels, seller 30, changed hands at $3,60. Shipment has been in a little better demand, though there is hardly anything doing. Prices ranged all the way from $3,75 up to $3,85, and some lots of Union sold at $3,90. A fair demand for river delivery would be $3,82½a3,85. Sales 62,000 barrels.

TITUSVILLE, January 16.—Firm; $3,65 for upper.

TIDIOUTE, January 16.—Petroleum very firm and higher; $3,80 asked.

PARKERS, January 16.—Petroleum quiet; United $3,65; nothing doing; shipment $3,80.

NEW YORK, January 16.—The position of this market is essentially as has been quoted for a fortnight. As the market abroad offers no encouragement to shippers, the demand is in abeyance, but there is no pressure to sell, and quotations are not disturbed. We quote New York delivery crude at 13c in bulk and 18c in barrels, city naphtha 14½c in shipping order. Refined in barrels is quoted at 27c for spot; cases at 29@34c; at Philadelphia 27c; at Baltimore 27c.

PHILADELPHIA, January 16.—Petroleum dull and nominal; S. W. 27c; crude 14½c in bulk and 18c in barrels; cases 31@32c.

CLEVELAND, January 16.—Petroleum steady and in good demand; S. W. 110 test, 27c.

Live Stock

BUFFALO, January 16.—Cattle: no fresh arrivals; no stock received since Monday; to day's western trains abandoned, and nothing shipped from this point since Friday last; uncertainty of shipment has a depressing effect on the sales for the week; about 40 cars to city butchers and adjoining towns at about last week's prices; receipts for the week, Sunday and Monday 4,036. Sheep and lambs: receipts 7,300, against 10,800 last week; no sales. Hogs: receipts 4,350, against 8,100 last week; no sales except supply to a few city butchers; there are now in yards 225 cars of cattle, 75 cars of hogs, 65 cars sheep; fair proportion which is consigned through.

CHICAGO, January 16.—Cattle: receipts 1,000 head; shipments 490; scarce and firm; market dull; choice $5,50, and choice at $4,80; buyers waiting for better shipping weather. Hogs: receipts 6,000 head; market dull and weak for light; firmer for heavy shipping; culls and light smooth $5,45a6,20; fair to extra smooth $6,50a7. Sheep nominal.

CINCINNATI, January 16.—Hogs firm; common $5,25a,5,80; fair to good $5,85@6,35; packing grades $6,40a6,70; a few select butchers $6,80a6,95.

ST. LOUIS, January 16. — Hogs: firm; common to choice packing $5,75a6,10; fancy butchers' $6,15a6,25. Cattle firm; choice to fancy steers $5,25a5,50; good to prime $4,60a5,00.

INDIANAPOLIS, January 16. — Hogs: quiet; $5,75a6,25; receipts 1,500.

Cotton.

NEW YORK, January 16.—Cotton dull at 13⅝a13 5-16c; Futures closed barely steady: January 13 3-16a13 7-32c; February 13 3-32a13⅜c; March 13 11-32a13⅝c; April 13 9-16c.

CHARLESTON, January 16. — Cotton quiet; middlings 12¾c; net receipts 155 bales; sales 1,000; exports to Great Britain 70.

SAVANNAH, January 16.—Cotton dull; middlings 12¾c; net receipts 3,709 bales; sales 450, exports coast 349.

GALVESTON, January 16.—Cotton weak and lower; middlings 12¾c; net receipts 3,231 bales; sales 1,817; exports channel 4,171; exports to France 1,331; exports coast 3,015.

MOBILE, January 16.—Cotton: middlings 12¼c; net receipts 4,290 bales; sales 750; exports coast 1,400.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, January 16.—Cotton goods are in steady demand and firm. Leading makes of brown sheetings are closely sold up. Amoskeag and bleached shirtings are advanced. Dark prints are in fair request, but medium styles are sluggish. Dress goods are in good trading agents. Worsted coatings and fancy cassimeres are doing fairly. Foreign goods are quiet.

Imports by Railroad.

PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO R. R.—15 pkgs tobacco, 10 do. mdse; 4 do. Orr & Co; 4 do. D & Co; 47 sks potatoes, Bricker & Son; 1 car do, P Bender; 104 kgs beer, W. P. Brawman; 1 car bedding, J. D Moore; 10 bags, A. Miller; 1 do, S B Floyd; 1 do, H Schnelbach; 1 do cooperage, W C & J M Taylor; 2 bbl beans, J H Loh; 29 bbls eggs, Voigt, M & Co; 20 bags rags, J Bennett; 6 do brooms, J Porterfield; 1 bbl eggs, P Jagemann; 2 kgs butter, N J Braden; 18 bbls of flour 2 cars flour, Roberts & Si; 6 do T C Jenkins; 1 do H Orndorff & Co, B H Voskamp; 1 do, J C Brownell; 1 do lard, D Cowan; 1 do soap, C D Jenkins; 1 do cement, Mills & Co; 1 do oats, J White; 1 do lard, Orndorff & Co, corn, Fallman & H; 35 cases tobacco, Arbuckles & Co; 2 pkgs beer, Frew, Neely & Co; 16 do scraps, W Flaccus; 27 sks oats, T J Wallace; 2 pkg dried beef, H Res; 4 bgs c seed 2 do beans, A Kirkpatrick; 2 bbls apples, A Wallace; 6 sks bw flour 2 do oats, Heaps Bro; 14 hides, J Gallery; 10 do brooms, W Francs; 1 car flour, H K Myers; 1 car hay, H J McCracken; 1 bbl & 1 pkg dried beef, Krause & Co; 1 car, D M Jenkins; 4 do, J A Renshaw; 10 bbls rags, R Anderson; 75 boxes soap, Haworth & D; 1 do, Painter Bros; 1 car hay, Kelly & Co; 1 car, F W Jenkins; 5 bbls alcohol, Harris & E; 19 do liquor, J O'Connor; 4 do, H W Beaumont; 10 do Getty & Co; 25 do, J Litzel; 10 do, J S Pinch; 10 sks zinc, J Dunlap; 1 car meat, E H Myers; 1 do wheat, Bennett, S & Co.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS R. R.—25 bxs soap, J H Ortman; 35 sks do, J Marshall; 4 tu s butter 4 bbls poultry, Steel, T & Co; 5 tubs butter, Head, C & Co; 24 sks meal, S Crawford; 1 kg butter, Head & McK; 2 d hogs 1 bbl lard, Voigt M & Co; 100 sks meal, Jenkins Bro; 11 bgs feathers, H H Myers; 6 bxs yeast, Kramer & S; 20 bxs tobacco 24 casks do, Johnson E & F; 2 bxs do, C C Baer; 1 bx soap, J Porterfield; 1 can glycerine, Knox, K & Co; 1 box books, James Horner; 1 case clothing, J Thompson; 3 bbls beer, Ph Baufum; 4 cases wine, L M Healy; 10 pkgs tobacco, L M Borchardt; 6 do, J W & T Barker; 10 do, J W Taylor; 6 do, 1 bbl butter, Head & McK; 2 d do 10 do flour, McIntire & B; 10 do, Bingham & 6; 2 d do d poultry, Shoemaker & Co; 7 do tallow, G Kann; 82 sks potatoes, 2 bxs eggs

HOME NEWS.

Rising, followed by falling barometer, nearly stationary, followed by rising temperature, with northeast to southeast winds, generally cloudy weather, and occasional light rains are indicated for to-day.

Ferguson Again in Durance.

John Ferguson, re-arrested a few days ago for complicity in the Boggs & Buhl robbery, was released on bail by Judge Stowe, Mr. Shields going his surety. Yesterday the bondsman, becoming uneasy, gave Ferguson up, and Detective Dressler arrested him for the third time. He is now in jail.

A Sensible Award.

We learn that the first and highest premium awarded by the Poultry Association was one of Bissell & Co.'s New Triumph Portable Ranges. In this was exhibited the good sense of those who engineered the Association, as a range of this make is considered the best of the kind manufactured and is worth about $55. No better award could have been made than this really excellent article of household utility. Convenience, cleanliness and economy, and the successful competitor will long have occasion to rejoice at his good fortune.

The Zug Fund.

The committee having charge of the citizens' fund for the relief of the sufferers by the Zug mill explosion has expended $3,254 00, and has still remaining $6,330 04. There having been large sums distributed to the sufferers by independent committees, the citizens' committee have been proceeding very cautiously in the matter of distributions, carefully examining each case before giving aid. Doctors' bills, amounting to $1,483, and undertakers' bills to the amount of $500, are still in the hands of the committee, unpaid. They will not be settled until each bill is strictly examined. The committee proposes to pay money to only the families that are in actual want, and reserve as much as possible for the few serious cases where the injuries to life parties were so severe that some of them will in all probability be maimed for life, and for the benefit of the orphans of some of the victims of the disaster. Immediately after the explosion there were fifty-four names on the books of the committee for aid; now the number is eighteen.

CITY MORTALITY.

Sixty-four Deaths During Last Week.

Dr. Snively reports sixty-four deaths in the city last week, from the following causes:

Measles, 4; scarlet fever, 3; erysipelas, 1; smallpox, 6; cancer of calcna, 1; cancer of stomach, 2; cancer (not specified), 1; phthisis pulmonalis, 5; meningitis, 3; apoplexy, 2; paralysis, 1; infantile convulsions, 3; croup, 4; bronchitis, 2; bronchial catarrh, 3; pneumonia, 5; congestion of lungs, 1; embolism, 1; emphysema, 1; enteritis, 2; dysentery, 1; obstruction of the intestines, 1; old age, 4; debility, 1; drowned, 2; unknown, 2. Total 64.

White—Males, 33; females, 30. Colored—Males, 1.

Married, 18; single, 40; widows, 5.

Of these, 10 were under one year; from 1 to 2 years, 8; from 2 to 5 years, 13; from 5 to 10 years, 5; from 10 to 20 years, 1; from 20 to 30 years, 1; from 30 to 40 years, 5; from 40 to 50 years, 4; from 50 to 60 years, 6; from 60 to 70 years, 4; from 70 to 80 years, 4; from 80 to 90 years, 3.

HANLON COMES TO THE FORE.

He is Ready to Measure Spruces with Our Champion.

Lovers of aquatic sports will be gratified at the intelligence which comes from Toronto, to the effect that Hanlon is getting ready to measure himself with our best oarsmen next spring. A dispatch which came over the wires from Toronto last night says: "Edward Hanlon will accept the challenge from Boyd, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to row here in the spring for $2,500 a side, Hanlon allowing $750 for expenses. He also intends putting up a forfeit at once for matches in the spring with Scharn, of Pittsburgh, and Wallace Ross, of New Brunswick."

If Hanlon means what he says, he will have his hands full in the spring, and aquatic sports will receive an impulse that will make the season of 1877 an unusually lively and interesting one.

A CHAPTER OF FATALITIES.

A Little Girl Burned to Death—A Boy Drowned—A Woman Found Dead—Man Killed on the Railroad.

A little ten year old daughter of Wm. Beckett, residing at Homewood, was fatally burned yesterday by her clothes catching fire from the grate, in front of which she was standing.

A young son of Mr. Frank Hunnings, draughtsman in the City Engineer's office, was drowned yesterday forenoon in Girty's run. The boy was coasting and ran over the bank into the stream, which was swollen, and the ice on it weakened by the recent rain. The body has not yet been recovered.

Coroner Thomas held an inquest yesterday on the remains of Rachael Galbraith, who was found dead in her bed at her residence on Thirty-third street, on Monday noon. She had been an invalid for several years, and the jury therefore returned a verdict of death from natural causes. She was forty-one years old, and leaves a husband and a grown-up child.

Coroner Thomas, yesterday afternoon, held an inquest upon the body of John D. Evans, a man who was killed during the day at Walker's siding, on the Allegheny railroad. The man had been stealing a ride on a coal train and was jostled off, the wheels passing over him and killing him instantly. He was thirty-six years old, and resided at Midway station, Allegheny county, where he leaves a wife and four small children in destitute circumstances.

THE ARTISTS ASSOCIATION.

Talking About Another Exhibition—Sketches of "Asleep."

Last evening the Artists Association held a regular meeting at the School of Design, President W. W. Charles in the chair. The matter of having another free exhibition was talked of, and it was decided to hold this second exhibition about the first week in May. Several new features will then be introduced, and it is proposed to make the display somewhat larger than that at the last exhibition. The subject of holding monthly exhibitions for the benefit of the more immediate friends of the institution, was discussed and favorably acted upon. At these meetings each one will be exhibited, each artist having the privilege to make his own selection of a subject. They will be on a somewhat more elaborate scale than those of which the association entertains itself at each weekly meeting.

The subject of the sketches last night was "Asleep" and thirteen artists made contributions to the general fund. The sketches were both numerous and sentimental. Among them was a sketch of "The Sleeping Beauty in the Wood," illustrative of Tennyson's poetic dreamings. Another on a run from the Monongahela House down the wharf to watch the progress of the boats and see if they would meet with disaster. The men on them, though almost within sound of one's voice, seemed to be as hopelessly beyond the reach of succor as if they had been surrounded on all sides by a hundred miles of floating ice. Their actions didn't indicate any great apprehension of danger on their part. They once attempted apparently to launch their yawl, which would not have lived two minutes in the ice, but they desisted and hauled it up on the "shanty boat," to which they would cling after the parting of fleet. A "shanty boat" is so called because it contains a little cabin and a stove. A great deal of sympathy was expended on the men by the spectators, but those who follow the river for a living expressed no fears and were confident that they would get off safely at some point below, though how it was possible for them to do so in such a sea of ice seemed a mystery. As fast as his legs could carry him our reporter ran to the new Point bridge, but when he got there the shipwrecked men were nearly half a mile down the Ohio and swiftly going out of sight. The men were Harry Cloud, Billy Wilson, Ed. Scharff and one other whose name could not be learned.

SINKING OF THE FLEET.

In the course of fifteen or twenty minutes after the accident the steamer Charley McDonald started after the men and boats, and from a person who was on board the vessel our reporter learned last night that a portion of the fleet struck at the head of Brunot's Island. A coal boat and three barges, the latter of which belong to Joseph Keeling, sunk at that place and lie on top of them a fuel boat and a barge caught and anchored. The balance of the fleet passed on down the river except a fuel boat which the McDonald caught and landed on Merriman's island, below Brunot's. Nothing was seen of the four men nor of the "shanty boat" on which they had taken refuge, but the gentleman with whom our reporter conversed said that he thought the men had passed to the left of the island, and that they had succeeded in escaping to it. It was only surmise with him, however, though he contended that it was reasonable. A person living on the Ohio side, Allegheny, is reported to have said that the men did not escape to the island by means of their yawl. If that is so, they are all right, as a Mr. Jones lives on the island, and they could spend the night with him. It was impossible to get to the island at any time last night. The Charley McDonald is still below, but will likely get back again this morning if the ice quits running. Her wheel was almost worn to pieces chasing that fleet.

A LUCKY BARGE.

Mr. Joseph Walton is considered by his fellow operators as rather fortunate in having escaped as well as he has done so far. He told the writer yesterday afternoon about a very lucky barge of his that may be yet floating down the Ohio. When Sunday morning's gorge swooped down the Monongahela it caught a number of his barges at his landing just below Six Mile ferry. One of them passed over the dam safely, sustaining no injury. It went under the Smithfield street bridge without striking a pier, moved out into the Ohio and steered down the current as accurately as though equipped with a rudder and guided by a pilot. The bridge at Steubenville proved no obstruction to its course, and the last word Mr. Walton had from it was that it had safely passed the Bellaire bridge and was heading steadily for Cincinnati, with every prospect of reaching that port uninjured. It has only one more bridge, that at Parkersburg, to pass, and Mr. Walton says that if it brings up safely at Cincinnati, where he intended it should be sent to, his loss will be diminished by just its value.

Information was received about nine o'clock last night that a fleet consisting of sixteen boats, three barges and four flats, all loaded, and a number of empties, belonging to Mr. Walton, and anchored at Six Mile ferry, in Pool No. 1, was in danger. Yesterday afternoon a message was received by Mr. Walton stating that everything is secure at his works at West Elizabeth, and that wire lines have been attached to posts and back to the tipples at the lower road.

SAFE AT CAIRO.

A dispatch received yesterday evening announced that the steamer Dick Fulton and tow were safe at Cairo, and would leave for St. Louis as soon as the ice thins out so she can navigate with safety. The tow has at least doubled in value since it left this city, and the increased price the owner will get for it at St. Louis will doubtless, to a large extent, help to make up the losses he has sustained.

INCREASE IN RETAIL PRICE.

An operator informed the writer last night that at least five million bushels of coal would have gone out on this rise if they had not been swamped in the river. The large number of flats that are lost, and its withdrawal from the market must necessarily have the effect of increasing the price as well by wholesale as retail. At Cincinnati twenty cents a bushel is offering and none can be bought even at that price, because the dealers have contracts to fill and no matter how well they would like to sell at such a figure they must buy to fill the band the stock they have on hand so as to meet those contracts. Capt. McDonough stated last night that he has a contract to supply the Cincinnati gas works with coal at seven cents a bushel. He has seven or eight barges at that city now, sent there to fulfill his agreement. If he were only able to dispose of it at prices now ruling there he would realize almost madness, and the tow operators who have sustained heavy loss will partially make it up in the increased rates they will get for what they have left.

And there is every likelihood of the high price being maintained for an indefinite period. A great many coal tipples have been destroyed and hundreds of barges are gone. Both these are essential to the movement of large quantities of coal. As long as the one remains and the demand will not abate. Even if the tipples were safe there would not be a sufficient number of barges. Cincinnati alone consumes 150,000 bushels of coal a day. The capacity of the tipples is now by any means sufficient to meet the demand, aside from the costliness of this method of transportation. In view of these facts no one need look for anything else than continued high rates until the destroyed barges and tipples are replaced.

CORNER IN CORDAGE.

So great has been the demand for ropes and cables since the close of last week that the entire supply in the city is almost exhausted. It was out of the question yesterday afternoon to get anything more than an inch and a quarter rope. All the larger sizes had been bought up and could not be obtained at any price. Many of the boats are heavily laden with coal still on board, and are unsatisfied, and recourse was being had to chains, which river men do not very well like to use in winter time. They are too liable to snap upon becoming frosted.

HEAVY LOSSES.

The heaviest individual disaster is W. H. Brown & Co., whose loss is estimated at $300,000. The second is J. C. Risher, whose loss is calculated at $60,000, sustained in fifteen loaded barges on the way to Cincinnati and six here. Mr. Sneathen ranks third in point of loss. The total loss of all the operators in cordage alone is about $120,000. Messrs J. R. Williams & Co. estimated their loss to our reporter at $20,000, sustained in thirteen loaded and nineteen empty barges swept away from Six Mile ferry. Mr. Shaffer obtained the data when the losses of four dealers, and the only ones, amount to more than half a million dollars. It was not an over-estimate to state that the entire loss will be a million and a half at least.

AFLOAT AFTER DARK.

Loaded and empty barges and boats floated down the river during the whole of yesterday afternoon, and about nine o'clock last night a fleet of between fifteen and twenty barges, some loaded and others empty, passed under the Smithfield street bridge. Who they belonged to or where they had come from it was of course impossible to determine.

TWO MEN IN DANGER.

It was reported that near eight o'clock last night a barge with two men on it passed by. The writer goes to prove the truth of the rumor, but he was assured of its correctness by a person who claimed to have seen and heard the men.

At half-past two o'clock this morning the gauge showed twenty-three feet and two inches in the Monongahela.

The bridges and railroad bridges on the Southwestern road are reported safe, and travel on one or two has been suspended. The bridge over Dunbar creek, on the Fayette county branch road, was also reported yesterday damaged, and the passengers on the express, running into this city, were transferred at that point yesterday morning. No damage was reported to bridges on the main line of the Pittsburgh Division.

THE ALLEGHENY.

The ice gorge a short distance above Sharpsburg broke about one o'clock this morning, and at half-past one there at this point began to rise at the rate of twenty inches an hour, and continued to rise at that rate up till about half-past two o'clock, at which time the ice started to run out. It appeared to be only the shore ice, however, which was being forced out by the gorge. There is not a great deal of property on the Allegheny to be injured, but the coal fleet at the landings below Saw Mill Run, will doubtless suffer severely.

NOTES.

The Lark is in a precarious condition off Painter's cinder pile with the water four feet in her cabin.

The low bridge in the Kiskiminitas, forty miles above the city, at 11 P. M. yesterday. The break-up in the Allegheny had not reached this point at one o'clock this morning.

Wood & Sons, Joseph Walton & Co., W. H. Brown, Simpson Horner & Co., and Neel & Oliver occupy the landings below Saw Mill Run, and unless they get out before the Allegheny ice comes, they will save nothing.

A loaded barge, owned by Capt. Dippold, is aground on the south bank below the Smithfield street bridge.

The report that the Coal Bluff was sunk and the Veteran damaged at the mouth of the Beaver, is authoritatively contradicted. The A. W. Foster lies at Homestead with a hole in her larboard side. The boat belongs to Joseph Walton, J. Y. Fairfield and J. B. Henning. She was rebuilt in 1873, and was valued at $7,000. Insured in the Merchants and Manufacturers of this city for $4,000. When the waters subside she will be raised.

W. H. Brown & Co. lost another barge at Sandy Bluff yesterday morning. It was full of the "model" pattern. An immense floating tree struck the boat, tearing a hole in its side and sinking it in ten minutes. A square barge at the same landing was also struck and sunk.

The Jim Brown was raised yesterday and towed to Brown's landing. She will be put on the stocks at Stone's yard as soon as possible.

At Watson's landing, mouth of Beck's run, R. & J. Watson lose four coal boats, four barges and one fuel boat. J. S. Cunningham & Co. lose three coal boats, and J. S. Noel loses one coal boat.

The Seven Sons still lies below the Suspension bridge, in the Allegheny, part of her cabin only being visible above water.

Captain Walton thinks $2,000 will cover the cost of putting the Joseph Walton in trim again.

An attempt was made to relieve two ladened barges, belonging to W. H. Brown & Co., at Freedom, but unsuccessfully. They parted their lines, one sinking one hundred yards below and the other at Lacock's bar.

The Charley Brown, Nellie Speer and Joseph Walton are moored in a safe harbor between the abutments of the Point and Union bridges.

UP THE MONONGAHELA.

THE RIVER RISING AT BROWNSVILLE.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., January 16.—The river is 38 feet, and still rising slowly. The water is now above the gauge marks.

At Greensboro there is 36 feet 10 inches, and the river there has commenced to fall.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., January 16.—The river has commenced falling. The depth of water is 27 feet 3 inches.

UP THE ALLEGHENY.

THE RIVER STILL CLOSED.

OIL CITY, PA., January 16—9:30 P. M.—There is no visible change in the river, and no prospect of a rise soon.

PARKERS, PA., January 16—8 P. M.—The river is about the same as this morning, 20 inches and stationary. The weather is cold.

FREEPORT, PA., January 16—9 P. M.—The ice has stopped at the island near Freeport. The ice from the Kiskeminitas river ran out into the Allegheny to-day, and is gorged at Parnassus. No damage was done.

HULTON, PA., January 17—1 A. M.—The river remains closed at this point. There is a small gorge here, and a large one about five miles above. The latter is twenty feet high.

SCRUBGRASS, January 17—1 A. M.—The river is closed, but shows signs of breaking up.

DOWN THE OHIO.

DAMAGE AT WHEELING.

WHEELING, W. VA., January 16.—The creek here, in gorging last evening, overflowed the pike in several places. The water carried away one bridge, and badly damaged a new iron one.

AT CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI, January 16.—The river is 42 feet 9 inches and rising about three inches per hour. The ice is less heavy, but sufficient to prevent navigation. The Lancaster made an unsuccessful attempt to go below after the lost barges, but was compelled to return.

The *Commercial's* Pomeroy special says the river is rising rapidly. Five feet will overflow the bottom.

A special to the same paper from Gallipolis says the Middleport gorge commenced passing last night, and fifteen or twenty barges had passed there in the ice. The steamer Hibernia unsuccessfully attempted sunk with a barge load of iron at Point Pleasant yesterday. The river at Gallipolis is rising seven inches per hour.

The *Gazette's* Point Pleasant special reports a rise in the river of 10½ feet in the past twenty-four hours, and the river full of ice from bank to bank.

The *Commercial's* Madison special says a hail, supposed to be that of the Calumet, left the lower marine ways this evening, and efforts are being made to secure it. The cabin and upper works of the Bannock City passed down at 8 A. M.

A FOREST OF DRIFT.

The Kentucky river is pouring out a forest of drift and the Ohio is rising three inches per hour. It is reported that houses along the river front at Madison will be inundated.

A GREAT FLOOD FEARED AT LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, January 16.—The river has been full of running ice all day. It is now rising fast, and a flood is feared. The canal contains 16 feet.

EVANSVILLE, January 16.—There has been ice running very heavy since last night. Cloudy and cold; mercury 28, and falling rapidly with every appearance of rain and rising at the rate of ¾ inches per hour. A large number of barges, fishing boats, flats and skiffs passed down to-day. The Eockport railroad wharfboats passed down at 5:30. The Cherokee is safe and sound.

GRAEBEL-FINCH HOMICIDE.

The Trial Concluded—Verdict of Murder in the Second Degree.

The trial of Fritz Graebel for the murder of Edward Finch, fully reported in the GAZETTE of yesterday, was resumed yesterday morning. Mr. Haymaker opened the case for the defense, after which a number of witnesses were called, some as to the previous good character of the prisoner and others to prove that he was drunk when he struck the blow, if he did strike it. The case was then argued on behalf of the prisoner by Marshall Swartzwelder, Esq., who was followed by Thos. M. Marshall, Esq., for the Commonwealth, who claimed that the evidence pointed clearly to the prisoner as the guilty man and that the prosecution would claim at the hands of the jury a verdict of murder in the second degree. The Court then charged the jury, defining the law in the case and instructing the jury how to apply it to the facts. After a brief absence the jury returned with a verdict of guilty of murder in second degree. The prisoner received the verdict without any show of emotion, or excitement. He was remanded to jail for sentence.

An exciting scene occurred in the court room in connection with the case in the morning soon after court convened. The prisoner was sitting at the counsel table in the rear of his counsel, and Mrs. Finch, the widow of the murdered man, came into the court room and took a seat a few feet in rear of him. She appeared to be in a state of intense mental excitement, her eyes flashing and her fingers clutching her clothing in a nervous manner. She sat there but a moment, and then arose and made for the prisoner, and would doubtless have done him injury had not one of the court officers standing near by, observed her in time to prevent her from accomplishing her purpose. She was removed from the court room and the trial proceeded.

His frown was dark; her smile was bright;
She slowly laughed; he woke a scowl;
His teeth were black; her teeth were white;
Her breath was sweet; his was foul.
He used no SOZODONT—and she
Used SOZODONT continually.

Purity in Groceries

In the purchase of groceries the main question to be considered is their purity, and since it often requires a connoisseur to detect adulterations, purchasers should patronize an establishment proved and tested as to its reliability. Teas, coffees and spices are articles of daily consumption, and how important, therefore, that they should be pure and unmixed. Wm. Flannage, No. 18 Diamond, is one who has had long experience in the business, has learned it through and through, is an expert in discerning the good from the bad, and never under any consideration offers for customers an inferior article, and, therefore, his coffees, teas and spices are always prime, and of the very best qualities to be obtained, and these same qualities sold by him at rates no higher than are asked by others for the inferior grades. He can sell cheaper than others for the reason that he buys at such times and in such quantities, strictly for cash, as enables him to take every advantage offered by the market, which advantages are the property and profit of his patrons. Spices ground and coffee roasted fresh every day.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Our Entire Stock of Winter Goods

At great reduction in prices, preparatory to enlargement of premises.

HUGUS & HACKE,
Fifth avenue and Market street.

The Right Man in the Right Place.

Those interested in the affairs of the Globe Mutual Life Insurance Company will be gratified to learn of the appointment of Mr. J. C. Orr as General Agent of the Company for Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Orr's appointment will infuse new life and vigor into this institution, as his acquaintance and popularity are sufficient to bring success to whatever he engages in. In him the company have a first-class officer, and the policy holders one in whom they can rely to subserve their interests to the utmost extent. The Globe Mutual is a good and substantial company, and those wishing to invest should call on Mr. Orr at his office, corner of Wood street and Fifth avenue.

Seal Sacques.

We have just received from one of the best New York manufacturers, a choice lot of Seal Sacques, in good qualities, with instructions to close them at a great bargain. On exhibition in our Cloak Department.

JOS. HORNE & CO.,
Retail Stores,
Penn avenue.

A NOVEL PAPER.

Presentment of the Grand Jury—The Court Presented—Public Institutions Visited—Judge Stowe's Reply to the Grand Inquest.

The Grand Jury after a session of six weeks, concluded their labors yesterday, having in that time passed upon all the bills laid before them, of which there were not more than half the number acted upon at September sessions, and in the meantime visited all the county institutions, as well as the Penitentiary, the Allegheny City Home, and the Reform School at Morganza, receiving the sum of two dollars and fifty cents per day from the county for their valuable services. Following is the presentment, a somewhat novel document in its way:

ALLEGED BULLDOZING.

The Grand Jury inquiring in and for the county of Allegheny, at December term, beg leave to present to the Court that they have labored to perform the duties assigned to them, and in so doing have in some cases been led to observe what seemed to them, efforts from various quarters calculated to degrade their dignity, to restrict their authority, and to divert them from that strict impartiality, which ought to characterize all their action. While there was perhaps not enough of this sinister influence in any one given case upon which to lay their hand and say, "here is the evidence," yet the bearing of the whole had, in the opinion of the jury, this tendency, unmistakably.

THE COURT PRESENTED.

"The Grand Jury constitute a regular body, recognized as such by the law, and have what may be called a jurisdiction coextensive with that of the court to which they make presentment." The great antiquity of the institution, and its universal existence at this day among the Anglo-Saxon race, is a high proof that the average common sense of the people finds its full expression at all periods in that body. It is the great bulwark many years ago erected to shield the people against the tyranny of courts, whose powers were too apt to be strained in favor of prerogative.

This jury believe themselves invested with power under the common law to inquire into all cases where the welfare of the great body of the people is at stake, and to point out where the laws are inoperative as well as where their enforcement is neglected. Having this belief they were surprised by the action of the Court in refusing them facilities for inquiring into the condition of public buildings, in reference to rapid egress in case of sudden panic. They thought it was not only their right but their high duty to inquire into that important matter; and they trust the Court, on a review of its action on this subject, may see its way clear to a different opinion from the one referred to, and that future juries may do effective work in behalf of the well-ordering of the community.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

In a county so populous as Allegheny the charitable and disciplinary institutions are necessarily on an extensive scale, demanding large experience and firm will in conjunction with many other important qualifications, for their judicious supervision. The importance of a thorough inspection of these institutions by official visitors, at moderately short intervals, cannot well be overrated. When the Grand Jury, composed at all times of men of diverse minds, but all intent on doing justice to the subject, present the very best material for a fair and honest general examination; one that will do justice as well to the Superintendents as to those placed under their charge.

THE BLACK HOLE OF CALCUTTA.

We visited the Jail, and were welcomed by Warden Smith, who showed us through every department. We found the building unusually clean, and the inmates comfortable, so far as he may be considered responsible for their comfort; but there is an over-crowding of the male prisoners in the cells, which in warm weather must make them, almost to a certainty, the horrors of the Black Hole of Calcutta—especially when we consider the deplorable darkness in which they are compelled to exist—a little more than a few inches wide in a massive wall being the only direct means of lighting the cells. And this in a city where on many days the court rooms themselves require artificial light, in spite of their many great windows. Each man should be the keeper of the prisoners? To be deprived of liberty while still untried for an offence (and perhaps entirely innocent), is sad; but to be deprived for months of light at the same time is cruel, and calculated to maim the man of spirit, and to make a confirmed offender where none existed before.

The County Commissioners ought to be directed to make such alterations as are needful for lighting and ventilation of the number of cells as the increased criminal business of the county so urgently demands.

A MODEL INSTITUTION.

We visited the Workhouse and inspected its buildings and shops, under the guidance of superintendent Scovel. The long ranges of cells for the lodgment of the prisoners were found to be clean and orderless, and the kitchens, laundry, bathrooms, washrooms and in fact all departments were in the very best condition. We found no cause for complaint on the part of the prisoners, and in our opinion the fare furnished them is ample and well cooked. The dietary is under the supervision of a competent physician, and is universally commended by the prisoners. To be deprived of liberty is punishment enough for any one, and to deprive the prisoners of other comforts than such as are absolutely necessary for the preservation of health, is to make punishment doubly severe. We found the prisoners employed in various kinds of work, and in the making of brooms, mats, shoes, etc., and were informed that the articles manufactured were sold at fair prices. We found the Workhouse supplied with a large and valuable library, which is in charge of the Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Boyer, who is untiring in his efforts to benefit the inmates of the Home.

THE COUNTY HOME.

On an exceedingly inclement day we paid a visit to the County Home, under the Superintendency of Mr. Hultz, and were cheerfully shown through the main building, as well as the barns, stables, piggeries and hot houses. The chief peculiarity of all these buildings was found to consist in an unostentatious adaptation to the purposes for which they were designed. No expedient or expense had been lavished upon any part, yet all is substantial, provided with ample light and well ventilated. The largely increased population of the county since the erection of these buildings, and of which we are so apt to lose sight in the hurry of every-day business, has combined to fill the Home beyond its proper capacity, consequently we found all the bed rooms full and also considerable numbers in the hall of the main building, showing that there is a call for additional bed chambers.

A critical examination of the premises, now containing about two hundred and eighty inmates, of all ages, ranging from the infant of a few weeks up to more than a hundred years, did not reveal anything offensive to sight or smell, although of course many feeble minded and many naturally careless people are there brought together. The male and female hospital departments contain their usual quotas of sick, as might be expected among the class of people for whom such an institution is maintained. We found, upon examination, a bands of petticoat equality, the uncultured son of poverty, who never knew any higher condition than the present, side by side with the educated and polished gentleman, whose early manhood was spent in the lap of refined luxury. Poverty, like death, is a great leveller, yet no degree of adverse fortune can bereave a man of the refinement of other days.

The furniture and bedding of the Home are all good and sufficient, but some of the bedsteads appear rather delapidated, and ought to be replaced with new.

The readiness with which Mr. Hultz communicated every information speaks well for his honest desire to carry out to the full all that the Poor Board may deem necessary to the proper management of the County Home.

A WIDE-SPREAD EVIL.

In conclusion, the Grand Jury would present as a widespread evil, which leads to much of the violence that disturbs our community, the almost universal habit of carrying concealed fire-arms. The revolver, ready loaded and primed, in the pocket of the young man, is the coward's incentive to violence and murder, and is at the bottom of many a crime, which, without its presence, might have been unheard of, or at most have been but a trifling brawl. It ought to be laid hold of by the law's strong arm.

Approved by a unanimous vote of the Grand Jury.

GEORGE BLAZIER,
Foreman.

Attest: ALEX. D. MUNN, Clerk.

THE COURT REPLIES.

Judge Stowe, without looking at the paper, informed the jury that it would be filed, and he presumed published, but if the jury desired it he would have it read. The Grand Inquest, doubtless deeming the document an important one, expressed a desire to have it read, and at the request of the Court, Maj. Montooth read the paper. When he had concluded and returned it, the Court, turning to the jury, said: Gentlemen of the jury, this paper contains some statements that require my attention, and had I known its contents, would have suppressed it, but as it has been read it becomes my duty to inform you that you are mistaken in your views as to the powers of the Grand Jury. While it may be a matter of congratulation to the public that there are some better lawyers on the Grand Jury than occupy the bench or practice at the bar of this Court, it is nevertheless the province of this Court to administer the law, and no jury can be permitted to place our own interpretation upon it. The Grand Jury is as much under the control of the Court as is a Traverse jury, but as your duties as jurors are ended, further remarks on this matter are unnecessary. Gentlemen you are discharged.

THE TEMPERANCE TORNADO

A Summary of Yesterday's Work in the Community—Meeting Last Night in and About the Cities—Incidental Matters in Connection With the Work.

Mr. Murphy's suggestion that the carpets in the churches last ten years longer than they ought to, cannot apply to Dr. Murray's church, on Fifth avenue, the "Old Home." For seven o'clock in the day until ten o'clock at night it is jammed by a never tireing crowd. The meridian meal nor the vesperian tea have no charms, so long as Mr. Murphy and his cohorts are in the church, and the crowds that come and stay there until one would expect weary nature to enter a peremptory protest.

The noonday meeting yesterday was even more interesting, if a perceptible change could be made between it and the other time past. Many of the most prominent Murphy's converts were present, and all had reports to make of excellent meetings they had attended.

Frank Keily, a tramp, said he had signed the pledge a few days ago, just after coming out of prison, and broke it. Yesterday morning he went into a saloon to get a drink of liquor, offering for it a nickle, the last money he had. The bar-keeper refused him, and told him no business since Mr. Murphy came to town, and he (the tramp) had better go to him. He did so, signed the pledge again and was going to try to keep it. Several others made remarks to the effect that they had joined church, as well as taken the pledge.

Wherever it was possible for a person to get two square inches of space to stand on last night in the church he was there, and as a result of that fact, a person couldn't get inside the door even, after 7 o'clock.

Mr. George Hall presided, and spoke a few moments. Addresses were then made by Joseph B. Hunter, W. W. Cleary, Dr. Scovel, of the First Presbyterian Church, George Smithson, James Robinson and others. Dr. Scovel's remarks were eloquent and appropriate, he urging the reformed to seek Christ as the only method of securing permanent reform.

After the Doxology had been sung and the audience dismissed, the people appeared so loth to go that the choir commenced singing again, and for another half hour ten that the church was cleared.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At this church quite a respectable meeting was held last evening. Mr. Robert Gray opened the meeting by reading the 37th Psalm. Mr. H. H. Garber led in prayer and after singing a hymn Mr. G. spoke of the great power of love in reforming men, as preached by Mr. Murphy, and blended with the gospel as carried out by the principles of the Young Men's Temperance Union.

Mr. Malone signed on Thanksgiving day. He has signed several pledges before and broken them. Four days after, but this time he looked for a higher power than self to aid him in keeping it. Mr. Chambers urged all boys and young men to sign the pledge and never learn to drink and thanked God for the conversion of leading a drunkard's life. Mr. Reddick told the history of his life, and said all his friends had lost all hopes for him except his mother, and he now thanks his God that she is happy because he is now free from the accursed drink.

Mr. Ernest, a German, has signed the pledge. His friends tell him he will not keep it, but he thinks he will.

Mr. Keats, one of the first signers, has buckled on the armor, and intends never take it off until called away by death.

Mr. Johnston signed on Thanksgiving Day and has felt happy since. He can now make money and keep it. When he should make it, but the liquor dealer generally got the most of it.

Mr. Garber urged all signers of the pledge to attend some place of worship, and invited all who had no other place to come to the Cumberland church, where all will be made welcome.

There will be a meeting held to-night in the Cumberland church, and all are invited to attend. Good singing will be on hand and address the meeting.

SHARPSBURG.

At the Centenary M. E. church of Sharpsburg, Rev. N. G. Miller, pastor, a large Murphy temperance meeting was held on Monday evening. Mr. A. C. Keil, led the choir, and Capt. J. H. Elliott, the meeting, who said that he had signed the pledge about seven weeks ago, and felt happy since, and urged all who had not signed it to come forward and do so. They would show their manhood and make themselves and families happy by so doing.

Howard J. Shurtleff, Esq., a member of the Pittsburgh bar, occupied the attention of the audience for some time, in the course of which he said that he had found in his experience as an attorney that nine tenths of the crimes committed in this county were caused through the influence of strong drink, and would earnestly advise all to sign before too late.

M. Kinzer, a young man, said he would confine his address to young men, and advised them to follow his example and sign the pledge, and cautioned the moderate drinker to give up drinking at once, and he would soon find the benefit of doing so. He had signed, and, with God's help, would keep it.

John Rogers had been drinking lower for many years, but he thanked God he had been rescued from it.

William Sloan had been drinking for years, and had lost good situations and the confidence of his friends by it, but Brother Murphy, through the grace of God, had saved him, and what the speaker was more thankful for, Christian friends had got him to join church. Since he had signed the pledge he was happy, and had no inclination to drink, and he was pleased to say that he was getting the confidence of his friends again. He would never drink again God helping him.

John Eastland, Wm. Vates, Mr. Donnelly, and others made addresses. Forty-nine signed, making 390 who have signed the pledge during the week.

A meeting was held in the Grace M. E church, Sharpsburg, last evening when prominent speakers made addresses.

AT MILLVALE.

The Presbyterian church at Millvale, on the West. Penn. Railroad, was filled last evening with a large audience, anxious to hear something from the "Murphy faith." Accordingly Mr. R. C. Craft, armed with a German orator, and Mr. J. J. Kenneday, took passage for that place. Mr. Craft gave a graphic description of the young man who is just starting out in life, and forming the habits that are to be his ruination in the end. He was followed by Mr. Albert Dalgarner, who spoke in English and Mr. Kenneday in German. There were J. J. Kennedy, Wm. Salt, James Martin, A. Watkins and the pastor, J. M. Shields. Fifty persons signed the pledge, making a total of about two hundred from this place.

ON THE HILL.

At a Murphy meeting held at the M. E. church on Kirkpatrick street, last evening, Dr. Thorn had charge. Mr. Geo. Wood was the first speaker, and was followed by Mr. Anderson, who felt happy and more like calling all brothers and sisters than anything else. Richard Beard spoke of how the craving of rum for years had been taken through the grace of God become a Christian, and hopes to live and die sober and a Christian.

Mr. Blake, formerly a saloon keeper, but who has given up the sale of liquors and now breathes a happy sober breath, hoped all would sign and banish forever the red liquor from "the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

R. D. Dalzell came to take a hand in this noble work. His experience began when pop and dually brought us ... whisky.

Captain Poinier had done his duty for years to the saloons, and related his experience for the past five years.

Rev. Knox felt proud that he was one of Murphy's army, and hoped everybody would also join and sweep forever the terrible evil from the face of the earth.

Mr. Harkum signed six weeks ago and took the pledge with the determination to carry it to the grave with him, and intends to bring up his sons as sober and industrious men. He had seen years of drunkenness and degradation, but has forever done with the intoxicating cup.

Alex. McKee never signed a pledge, but one year ago he promised to cease drinking; but the devil got the best of him and he fell. He signed Murphy's pledge last night, and with God's help will keep it.

Lu. Haughe thinks if this noble work goes on we'll soon have to make an addition to the water works. He'll never sell any more rum in his drug store.

John Wilson is going to "Hold the Fort" and die with the army of Murphy. He made some pithy remarks which brought down the house at times.

Col. Realf will speak here at 7½ P. M. to-night.

At the Murphy overflow meeting last evening in the Fulton street church, near Center avenue, Rev. Boyer, pastor, Mr. P. C. Abbott presided and made a short speech. Other speakers were Mr. Moran, Col. Dawson, John R. Wilson, Capt. Robert Pollock, Mr. Davis and Rev. Boyer. The house was crowded, and great enthusiasm was manifested. A meeting led by D. I. K. Rise will be held in the same church to-night.

FIFTH AVENUE EXTENSION.

The Fifth avenue M. E. church, (Rev. W. Pitt Turner, pastor), was filled to its utmost capacity at the Murphy meeting last night. The pastor himself presided, and opened the exercises by prayer. After the choir had sung "Ring the Bells of Heaven," Rev. Turner made a few appropriate remarks, and read a portion of the Scriptures. Other speakers were Charles Schermerhorn, John Hamilton, George Hirsh and Captain Rowley. Mr. Hamilton's remarks were interesting chiefly on account of his recital of old time scenes in regard to the use of whisky. Upon the conclusion of the meeting Rev. Turner made an urgent appeal to all who had not signed the pledge to do so at once. While the choir sang "More to Follow," a large number came forward and signed.

The singing by the choir in this church, led by Miss Minnie Black, deserves especial mention for excellence of execution and good judgment in the selection of pieces. Dr. Mundorff and others will make addresses in this church to-night.

BEER STAMPS.

U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue Davis says that he has not sold a single beer stamp for two days. Such a thing was never before known in the history of the office. There has also been a large decrease in the number of whisky stamps sold. It is evident that the leaven of Mr. Murphy is working.

Numerous other meetings besides those reported above were held in both cities last evening.

BREVITIES.

....Ralph Richardson is the happy man. This time it is a boy.

....Morris Van Baalen don't know the difference between a handy-billy and the corner of a table.

....The gas lamps on Spring Garden avenue, Allegheny, are frozon up, and consequently that avenue and Troy Hill are in darkness.

....Mrs. Graham, mother of T. P. Graham, Esq., fell upon the ice in front of her residence, Perrysville, Monday evening and fractured her leg.

....A company of heavy artillery pass